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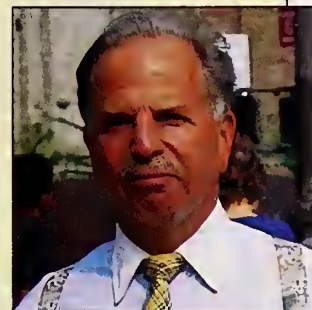
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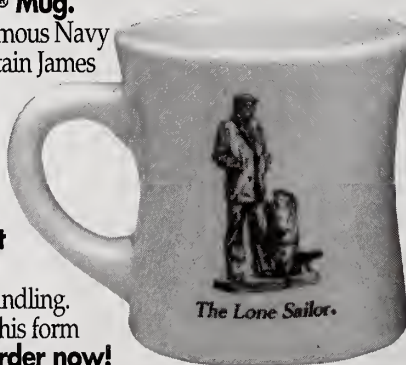
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These have been dark days for the members of the Saint Paul Police Department, and your support means more than ever. Your generous donation has been forwarded to the Ryan/Jones Memorial Fund. This compassionate gesture will not soon be forgotten.

*William K. Finney  
Chief of Police  
Saint Paul, Minn.*

*Editors Note:* On behalf of The American Legion, then-National Commander Bruce Thiesen gave a \$2,500 donation to the slain policemen's fund while at the 76th National Convention in Minneapolis.

## Just Another 'Ism?'

Communitarianism is nothing more than a polished-up, repackaged form of fascism for the 21st century concocted by a group of elitist, ivory-tower intellectuals ("Making America Better: A Hometown Responsibility," August). I'll have none of it. I hope all of my fellow Americans don't fall for this poison. Give me the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights instead.

*David C. Roth  
Pennsauken, N.J.*

In the interview, Amitai Etzioni, former adviser to Jimmy Carter, makes valid points about the need for community social responsibility and family values.

One of his most valuable comments was: "The public must recapture politics for the community." We talk about a "welfare community" in this country that has little interest in voting. We must realize, as veterans, that

we must be willing to run for office and direct our daily lives to better communities. Less than genuine commitment and total dedication is less than genuine citizenship.

*Frank Anthony  
Windsor, Vt.*

Communitarianism sounds much more like it might be communism — subjugating one's self to the good of the community. Much of what Etzioni says is true. Americans have become obsessed with manufactured rights, but the general idea of this "ism" is that the community is more important than the individual. We have already lost too many of our freedoms to the dictates of the community. It reminds me of a part of the constitution of the former Soviet Union: "Everything not specifically permitted is forbidden."

If we would only live by the Golden Rule much of the social problems causing so much concern would not exist.

*Walter E. Bumgarner  
Arcadia, Neb.*

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Etzioni's communitarianism must be considered at arm's length. Other ideologies created to solve problems such as nazism and communism started as government solutions to individuals' problems. We, as veterans, fully know the terrible dictatorships that came as a result of allowing erosion of personal rights where everything was previously done for the Fatherland and Mother Russia.

Fortunately, we have a Constitution and Bill of Rights. These rights are not negotiable. We do not need to adopt a new social movement and abandon our rights to solve our problems. All we have to do is return to Judeo-Christian values. When the source of our values, the one true God was abandoned, all sense of right and wrong was lost.

*Michael E. Voto  
Goshen, Ohio*

I wish THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE would have asked Etzioni what broke up the entities that he now wishes to restore. Communities fall apart as their dynamics are destroyed. When the federal social planners began dangling money, that was when communities took their fall. They were like Humpty Dumpties sitting on a wall.

*Chuck Avey  
Merritt Island, Fla.*

## Remember Korea

It seems THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE forgot about the Korean War veterans in "Member Get a Member" (October).

*Robert C. Steele  
Farmington, Minn.*

*Sorry about the oversight. — The Editors*

## Agent Orange

I am a widow of an Agent Orange casualty. I have been fighting hopelessly through the Disabled American Veterans and lately more successfully with The American Legion to get some sort of justice for the horrendous

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■ *Kathleen Copeland  
Cheyenne, Wyo.*

## Enola Gay & History

Thanks to those responsible for forcing the Smithsonian Institution to rewrite its planned exhibit of the Enola Gay. As a member of the 32nd Div. who made the landing at Aitape in New Guinea, I certainly would not have relished repeating the exercise on the main island of Japan.

*William D. Townsend  
Timonium, Md.*

*For an update on the Enola Gay exhibit, see Legion News, Page 43.  
—The Editors*

## What We Fought For

As National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, I am pleased to commend you for the excellent article, "Witnesses to the Holocaust" (August), by Leslie and Jeremy Milk.

We, Jewish Americans, many of whom served in our nation's armed forces in World War II, and in large numbers, with their non-Jewish buddies, helped to liberate the victims of oppression in the infamous Nazi concentration camps, are especially appreciative of your decision to demonstrate to all Americans, veterans and non-veterans alike, that revisionist history which claims that the Holocaust never took place is a lie of the greatest magnitude.

Too, "To Protect the Flag" in your October 1994 issue, mirrors the overwhelming consensus of members of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA. In Dallas, Texas, at our national con-

vention, as the 100th anniversary of the JWV (1996) rapidly approaches, a resolution was adopted which calls for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would make desecration of the U.S. Flag a criminal offense.

*David H. Hymes  
National Commander  
Jewish War Veterans of the USA  
Washington, D.C.*

## Kudos On 75th

I thoroughly enjoyed "What The American Legion Means to Me" in September's 75th anniversary issue. It was refreshing and interesting to hear from members from far away states. I loved the blurb about Eleanor Smith and the information about Gatha Amos.

Keep up the good work!

*M. Irene Petrie  
Bloomington, Calif.*

Congratulations on a really magnificent tribute to our fighting men of the past 75 years. The September 1994 issue should be bound and placed in every school and public library. I have bound mine and plan to refer to it time and time again.

*N.C. Grieninger  
Byron, Ill.*

This issue is the best, and I've been reading THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE since 1937!

*Robert F. Cook  
Silverdale, Pa.*

Great!!!!

*Flora Beek Mott  
Gloucester, N.J.*

I thank you for a splendid, informative September issue. But I feel I must respond to the section covering the '30s. For all the commendable and charitable works the Legion performed during that dark decade, there was one service you failed to mention and one that touched my family's hearts to tears.

The Depression really hit our family hard. My dad would tell us to write

to Santa Claus in care of our local American Legion Post, which was then in New Bedford, Mass. Lo and behold on Christmas Eve, a truck would arrive and the drivers would cheerfully greet us and distribute gifts.

God bless you guys for those joyous Christmases.

*Arthur J. Souza  
McDermitt, Nev.*

Congratulations to all who worked so hard to bring the Diamond Jubilee issue to us. The only problem is that if you hope to surpass this for our 100th anniversary, you guys better get busy right now.

*Bob Heuer  
Sarasota, Fla.*

The September issue looks great. But I did discover one error. You call the Tulsa Oklahoma Drum Corps a band. To any loyal member of a drum and bugle corps, this is a serious affront.

*Robert H. Berg  
Sleepy Eye, Minn.*

I was glad to read all about the many contributions of the Legion in the past 75 years. It was a masterful job and should receive rave reviews from all Americans.

*Charles R. Harris  
Dover, Del.*

## Holocaust Memories

Lt. Kaplan was not at Dachau first as he stated in "Witnesses to the Holocaust" (August) by Leslie and Jeremy Milk. The article says Dachau was surrendered to Gen. Linder. This is not so because a squad led by Staff Sgt. Robert S. White was the first to reach Dachau in the morning of April 29, 1945. Pfc. John Degro was the lead scout for I Co., 157th Inf. Reg., 45th Div., and was the first American to reach Dachau. Degro shot the lock off the gate and entered the camp.

*Harold I. Turner Sr.  
Licking, Mo.*

The year the Berlin Wall came down, my wife and I took a European  
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- a weak or interrupted stream when urinating
- a feeling that you cannot empty your bladder completely
- a feeling of delay when you start to urinate
- a need to urinate often, especially at night, or
- a feeling that you must urinate right away.

#### **Treatment options for BPH**

There are three main treatment options for BPH:

- Program of monitoring or "Watchful Waiting". Some men have an enlarged prostate gland, but no symptoms, or symptoms that are not bothersome. If this applies, you and your doctor may decide on a program of monitoring including regular checkups, instead of medication or surgery.
- Medication. There are different kinds of medication used to treat BPH. Your doctor has prescribed HYTRIN for you. See "What HYTRIN does" below.
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## **VETVOICE**

tour through a Swiss travel agency. As our bus drove by a sign that read "Dachau," our German tour guide made no comments. Bus passengers asked her why. Her curt answer: "There were no deaths at Dachau. Political prisoners only. Ancient history."

With articles such as "Witnesses to the Holocaust," we must tell and retell this grizzly history over and over — lest we forget and allow the Nazi scheme to live on!

*Randy Morey  
Mondovi, Wis.*

### **Back To Leyte Gulf**

I am getting close to my 80th birthday, so you can imagine how thrilled and proud I was when I read "The Battle For Leyte Gulf" (October) by Sid Moody. Here were the names of people, ships and the area I was familiar with 50 years ago (I was 29 at the time): the destroyers *Johnston*, *Hailey* and *Franks* were commissioned at Todd shipyards in Seattle in the fall of 1943. I was on the commissioning detail of the *USS Hailey*. I do believe memories keep us young.

*Robert V. Austin  
Seaside, Ore.*

### **Living Memory**

The servicemen in the photo on Page 60 of the September issue who were pictured attending the 1944 National Convention in Chicago are still alive today. From left to right, Medal of Honor recipients Alton W. Knappenberger, Mitchell Paige and Ernest Childers.

*Mitchell Paige  
Palm Desert, Calif.*

### **Health Care Help**

I take issue with West Virginia Sen. John "Jay" Rockefeller's statement ("What The Legion Means To America") in the September issue. It read: "I am particularly thankful for the Legion's help and support in formulating the President's Health Care Security Act, which will benefit every veteran."

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# HIGH HOPES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

**D**URING THE Gulf War, we were able to see the Christmas spirit in a U.S. Air Force hangar where GIs put up a small tree decorated with surplus military equipment.

Though it looked like a Christmas Tree from a *Charlie Brown* television special, for the troops, it symbolized something that overpowered the fear and uncertainty of war: high hopes for the holiday season.

It filled their hearts with thoughts of other people, other places and other times. The good times that they shared with their families and their friends came alive in their minds.

Surrounded by hi-tech weapons and military equipment, it seems somehow comforting that the Christmas spirit — their high hopes for the holiday season — had no technological equal. As Pope John Paul II said: "Technology increases what we can do, but it cannot teach us the right thing to do."

I believe veterans and their families understand these words better than most. Ultimately, it is human choices that allow us to do the right thing. There are no magical, numerical formulas that compute bravery, service, duty or even God and Country. We, as individuals and as a society, set the minimum standards.

As a lawyer, I know that most laws exist only to prevent the worst of human choices — crimes that all reasonable people find intolerable. To live without violating any laws does not mean you are doing all the right things. I think obeying the law should only be a beginning.

The holiday season tends to broaden our vision of what's right in a way that I wish could be more lasting. People always seem to be more considerate and generous at Christmas time. You notice it at traffic lights, in shopping malls and even at football games.



*Nat'l. Cmdr. William M. Detweiler*

Legionnaires are people who don't need a declared holiday to commit themselves to helping others. They do it all the time, and have for more than 75 years.

High hopes for the holiday season are a start. And I'm very proud that Legionnaires go beyond good wishes and make life better for people. Our Posts are a positive force for good in communities all across the nation.

While human kindness is a great virtue, I am concerned that it is becoming a deciding factor in how we use our military forces. I am concerned that our nation's foreign policy is forsaking our national interest by using the U.S. Armed Forces for ill-defined and dangerous "humanitarian" missions.

I believe humanitarianism makes good citizens, but it signals bad diplomacy and unattainable goals on the part of a government. Our military's function must be to deter aggression and to fight and win wars.

Let Legionnaires take care of the charity and the good deeds and the outreach that bind communities

together. Legion Posts do that so well. But our nation's leaders must not forget what our military forces are expected and trained to do.

America is an instrument of ideas — freedom, equality, justice and democracy — but it cannot stand with words alone. It is not enough for us to be strong.

We must be perceived as being strong enough to back up our beliefs and our national interests.

"My great fear is that we're becoming mesmerized by operations other than war," said Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in a September speech.

As we debate our role in situations such as Bosnia, Haiti and other world hot spots, Shalikashvili says we must never sacrifice combat readiness for peacekeeping or humanitarian operations.

Many Legionnaires know firsthand about the tragic shape of our armed forces when we entered the Korean War. Because we did not build a large, strong military, many Americans were unnecessarily killed. Reducing our forces for budget reasons was and will always be a bad bargain. The lives we risk are our own and those of our families.

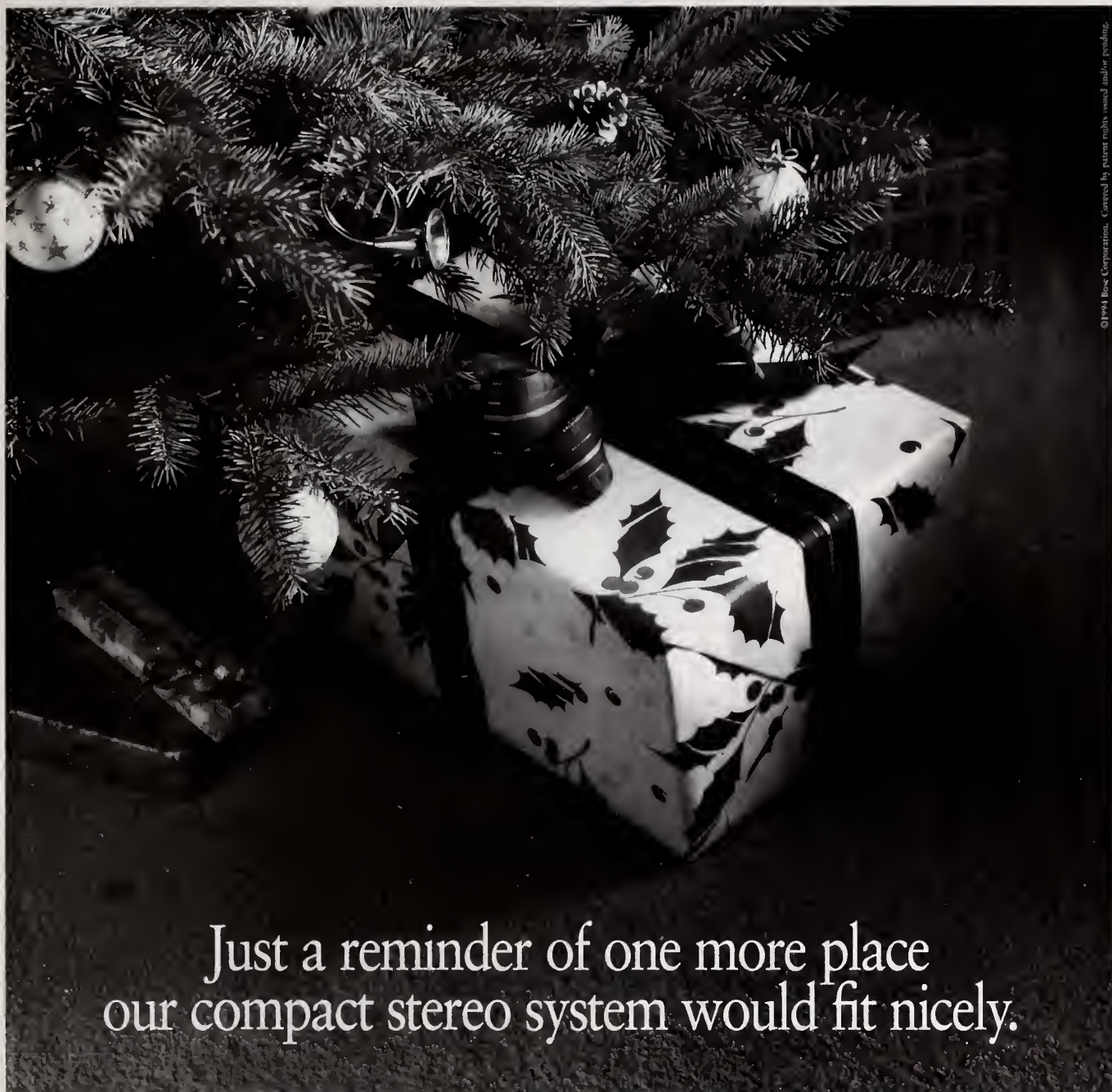
Will we be doomed to repeat that mistake through the current downsizing of our armed forces? How much readiness do we sacrifice by using our military for nonmilitary missions?

These questions raise issues that The American Legion must deal with. Protecting our troops is a commitment from which we can take no holidays. We must always give our troops the best training, the most effective weapons, and only send them on missions with clearly defined goals and with the support of Congress.

In our real world, we need strong armed forces to help make our high hopes for peace come true.

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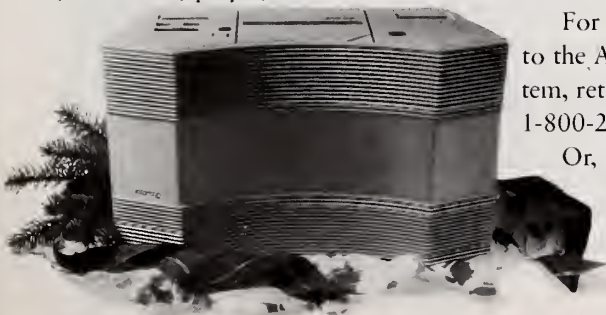
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# SHOULD AMERICA SELL ARMS TO PAKISTAN TO CURB ITS NUCLEAR INTENTIONS?

Rep. Lee H. Hamilton (D-Indiana)

U.S. nonproliferation policy in South Asia isn't working. The 1985 Pressler Amendment, which punishes Pakistan if it develops nuclear weapons, was based on a premise that Pakistan could be induced to forego a nuclear weapons capability.

## YES



That premise is no longer acceptable.

Both India and Pakistan have the capacity to develop nuclear weapons in short order. We need to devise a better policy to limit, roll back and eventually eliminate nuclear capabilities in both Pakistan and India.

The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency has identified South Asia as the most likely place for the outbreak of a nuclear conflict. A failure to stop the spread of nuclear weapons in South Asia would limit our ability to keep such weapons out of the hands of Iran, Iraq, North Korea and other would-be nuclear powers.

The Pressler Amendment bans most U.S. assistance and arms to Pakistan, unless the President certifies that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear explosive device. Since 1990, no President has been able to make this certification.

This has damaged relations with Pakistan. U.S. influence has declined, while Chinese and Iranian influence has increased. Our ability to foster democracy and human rights in Pakistan has diminished.

These costs might have been acceptable if U.S. policy had succeeded. Instead, our policy risks pushing Pakistan into the arms of renegade states — Iran, Libya, or North Korea — happy to pay for nuclear secrets.

The answer is not to abandon our nonproliferation goals, but pursue attainable objectives:

First, a comprehensive test ban, something the United States, Pakistan and India can agree upon. Second, a global ban on the production of fissile material — another area where the three countries agree. Third, a ban on missile deployment in the Subcontinent. We should also try to draw China into the dialogue, since our nonproliferation efforts can succeed only if India's concerns about China are addressed.

Once India and Pakistan begin to cooperate on nonproliferation, we can then pursue other goals — cooperation at the U.N. and on global hotspots, drug control, democracy and human rights. ☐

Sen. Larry Pressler (R-South Dakota)



## NO

The Clinton administration has announced it will seek a one-time exemption to the Pressler Amendment, a law dealing with the nuclear nonproliferation policy as it relates to Pakistan. I believe this would be a grave error.

Since 1985, Pakistan has been ineligible to purchase American arms or receive most aid unless the President annually certifies that Pakistan does not possess a nuclear explosive device. In 1990, President Bush was unable to do so. The Clinton administration has proposed that Congress permit a one-time exemption to the Pressler Amendment in order to deliver up to 38 F-16 fighters to Pakistan. In exchange, Pakistan should give proof that it has capped its nuclear weapons program.

I cannot understand the administration's logic that selling U.S. military aircraft, capable of delivering nuclear weapons, will somehow help stabilize a volatile region. Or more to the point, that a country which deliberately concealed a weapons program from its allies — and its own prime minister — is capable of being trusted with the ultimate weapon and a method to deliver it.

If the United States delivers the F-16s to Pakistan, India certainly will react by escalating its arms purchases. Tensions will mount. Two countries that have been at war three times will once again find themselves on the brink — this time with the ultimate weapon at their disposal.

North Korea and other rogue states and countries on the threshold of acquiring nuclear weapons are looking closely to see whether we mean what we say. In May 1979, President Jimmy Carter imposed aid sanctions on Pakistan because of its nuclear program. Seven months later he removed those sanctions.

The result was predictable. Pakistan, assuming from our inconsistent policy that the United States was not serious, moved ahead with its program. The existence of the Pressler Amendment and its possible extension to other countries undoubtedly has been a key consideration in the decision-making of these countries' political leadership.

Other members of Congress and I are prepared to fight efforts to overturn the Pressler Amendment. Congress should not weaken the toughest antinuclear legislation ever enacted. ☐

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## Citizen Militias

Federal officials at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (BATF) are alarmed over the existence of armed citizen groups or militias in the United States—some of them apparently in favor of overthrowing the U.S. government. BATF director John W. Magaw has said publicly that his agency is keeping tabs on groups in “three or four places around the country” that are stockpiling arms.

One antigovernment activist, Linda Thompson of the American Justice Federation, attracted attention by declaring herself adjutant general of a military force that wanted to march on Washington last September and arrest members of Congress for treason.

Thompson is the producer of a video, *Waco — The Big Lie*, which became popular among some right-wing groups before its key claims against the BATF were challenged by Accuracy in Media and William P. Cheshire, a nationally syndicated columnist. (Waco, Texas, was the site of an armed confrontation that left four BATF agents and dozens of religious extremists and their children dead.)

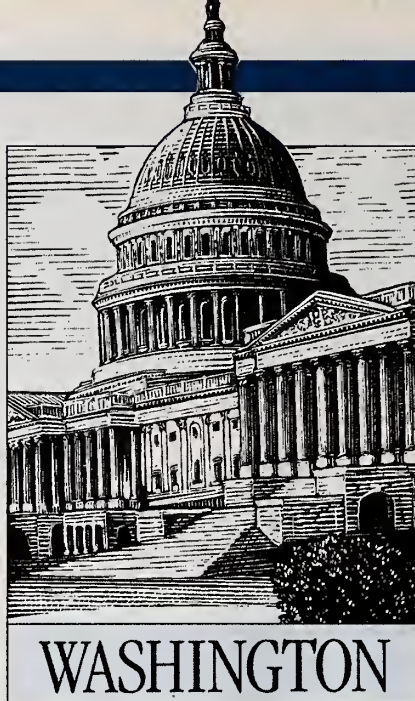
Larry Pratt, executive director of Gun Owners of America, estimates that the Waco incident and the passage of gun control measures by Congress have prompted 1.5 million men to arm themselves “in various degrees of organization.” He views these forces, many of them in Western states, as defensive in nature.

## Target MTV

Expect some major cable companies to announce plans to remove MTV (Music Television) from “basic cable” service because of growing public concern over its perceived unwholesome programming.

The campaign against MTV is being waged by the 400,000-member Americans for Responsible Television (ART), led by Michigan housewife Terry Rakolta, who played a role in getting MTV's *Beavis & Butt-Head* show moved to later in the evening after the program was blamed for inciting the death of a small child by fire. Additional pressure is coming from antidrug activists who staged a

*Washington-based Cliff Kincaid writes for Human Events and other publications.*



demonstration outside MTV offices in New York to complain over the network's *Straight Dope* program endorsing drug legalization.

## American Refugees

Military dependents evacuated from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to make way for Haitian and Cuban refugees are banding together to bring their hardships to the attention of the federal government. “I lost my job, my home, my household goods, my car and, most importantly, my husband and my children’s father,” says group leader Elizabeth Fitzgerald, the wife of a Navy Nurse Corps officer and mother of three. Fitzgerald, who now lives with her sister in Danville, Va., says she is unable to get unemployment compensation and the evacuation allowance for her family has dwindled to \$36.50 a day. She complains that “an enormous amount of our tax money” will be used to maintain the foreign refugees at Guantanamo.

## The Next Colombia?

Social upheaval with a possibly violent spillover into the United States is expected if new Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo cracks down on powerful drug cartels south of the border.

Zedillo was a close friend of Luis Donaldo Colosio, the Mexican presidential candidate assassinated last March in a suspected drug hit.

President Zedillo “owes a debt to Colosio and what Colosio stood for — fighting the drug traffickers,” says Latin American specialist, Dr. Daniel James. “Drugs are the number one business in Mexico today,” he claims, “even bigger than the oil industry.”

Meanwhile, the U.S. Congress is reluctant to open hearings into the Mexican drug problem. Washington insiders claim there is evidence that the North American Free Trade Agreement has made drug trafficking into the United States easier by cutting down on border inspections.

## Tax Cuts...

Good news for taxpayers: The Clinton administration and the new Congress are expected to endorse some federal tax cuts. While the White House is leaning toward a business tax cut to keep the economy growing, conservative lawmakers are focusing on cuts in the capital gains tax and expanded tax credits for children.

One idea that is almost certain to be part of any package is the bipartisan proposal by Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and Barbara Mikulski of Maryland to allow Individual Retirement Accounts for homemakers.

## ...and Tax Hikes

However, in exchange for passage of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), some members of Congress are expected to push for the closing of tax loopholes making corporate investments overseas more rewarding than domestic ones. Kevin Phillips, author of *Arrogant Capital*, says one study found that 340 U.S. corporations had income from foreign sources of \$47.3 billion but paid U.S. taxes on just \$1.6 billion of that income.

## Haiti PC

The *USS Eisenhower*, the lead aircraft carrier for the Haiti occupation, was picked for that purpose because it carried a substantial number of women crew members, military insiders say. About 500 women serve on the ship, from which the first helicopter missions to Haiti were launched. □



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*Some 200 Utah survivors continue their 12-year fight to make visits to the ship and her memorial more accessible.*

### By Ray Mahon

**L**EE SOUCY makes no bones about it. As one of the survivors of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 53 years ago, he is glad to be alive.

But for Soucy and some 200 remaining survivors of the ill-fated target ship *USS Utah* (AG-16), there is that tinge of guilt. Guilt felt perhaps by many who make it back from war safely when their buddies didn't — a guilt that will never allow them to forget their fallen comrades.

Sixty-eight men aboard the *Utah* were killed in the attack; another 58 were entombed in the ship. One, Chief Watertender Peter Tomich, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

To honor them, the *USS Utah* Memorial was built in 1972 near Berth F-11 on the northwest side of Ford Island. The memorial overlooks the rusted hulk of the *Utah* — some 150 feet of her stern sticking about eight feet out of the water. Consisting of a 15-foot cement platform, the memorial is connected to Ford Island by a 70-foot walkway. At the base of the flagpole on the platform is a plaque dedicated to the 58 sailors whose bodies

were never recovered.

For about 12 years now, Soucy and other *Utah* survivors have been hounding the Navy and the National Park Service about the *USS Utah* Memorial. They say it is Pearl Harbor's forgotten memorial, overshadowed by the better known and more popular *USS Arizona* Memorial, which is about three-quarters of a mile east of the *Utah*. The Navy runs the *USS Utah* Memorial, while the *USS Arizona* Memorial is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service.

The *Utah* survivors' beef is that the *Utah* Memorial, which cost taxpayers and private contributors over \$200,000, is a waste of money. "Who will remember the *Utah* after we are gone," says Soucy, who was a pharmacist's mate 2nd class on the ship. "It's a case of forsaken men in a forgotten ship at a slighted memorial," the Plainview, Texas, resident says.

"The Arizona Memorial has been honored as it should be, but the *Utah*, on the other hand, is the Navy's baby since it is located on the Ford Island Naval Station," says Soucy. "The Navy has made it next to impossible for visitors to gain access to it."

Soucy and the other *Utah* survivors want the Navy to turn it over to the National Park Service and include trips to the *Utah* Memorial on the boats taking tourists out to the Arizona. They say that, at the very least, the memorial should be recognized and honored on special occasions such as Memorial Day and Dec. 7.

In 1991, at the 50th anniversary observance of the Pearl Harbor attack, not a mention was made of the *Utah*, Soucy says. In protest over the slight, he and some of the *Utah* survivors at the ceremony wore their name tags upside down and turned their backs, refusing to accept the Pearl Harbor Medals that were presented.

Soucy has written to the Navy Department, the National Park Service, his U.S. senator, Phil Gramm of Texas, and others to complain about the lack of recognition for the *Utah*.

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"The Navy and the National Park Service do not have enough ferries or manpower dedicated to the Arizona site to include regular trips to *USS Utah*," then-Navy Chief of Information, Rear Adm. Brent Baker, told Sen. Gramm in a 1992 letter. "To include *Utah* in the tour would increase the number of visitors turned away each day because of limited assets," Baker wrote.

"Some 1.5 million people visit the USS Arizona Memorial annually, according to Lee Wheeler of the National Park Service public affairs office in Hawaii.

But how many get to visit the USS Utah Memorial? "About 15 or 20 people at the most per year," says R.H.

"Dick" Brady, deputy public affairs officer at the Pearl Harbor Naval Base. Brady says that in the 12 years he has worked there, they have given about 50 tours to the *Utah*.

Is the low number of tours because people are disinterested or because of the memorial's limited access?

Nobody can answer that for sure. Although Brady admits that no one can just walk up without prior notice and go to the *Utah*. "We would have to make transportation arrangements and take people away from their regular duties to serve as tour guides." Brady says his office would like to receive requests to visit the Utah Memorial at least three to four weeks in advance.

Legionnaire Alan R. Koester, a retired Air Force staff sergeant, joined the *Utah* survivors' crusade after he and his wife, Joan, visited Pearl Harbor in 1990. "Nobody gets to see it, except for two Navy petty officers who raise and lower the memorial's Flag daily, and military families who live on Ford Island," says Koester, who has been made an honorary member of the USS Utah Survivors Association for his efforts.

During his visit, Koester noticed that the Park Service had no information about the Utah Memorial and did not know how anyone could visit it. Nor were the names of the *Utah* dead listed on the Arizona memorial wall.

Those oversights apparently have been corrected. "Tour guides to the Arizona include the *Utah* in their briefings," says the Park Service's Lee Wheeler. "Also, the Remembrance Exhibit on the waterfront lawn at the Arizona Memorial Visitors Center lists the men of the *USS Utah* along with all others who lost their lives at Pearl Harbor."

Koester, a Paid-Up-For-Life member of Post 476, Beach Haven, N.J., returned to Hawaii last year and visited the Utah Memorial. He says he contacted the Pearl Harbor Naval Base in advance and when he and his wife arrived, the Navy was "very cooperative," even getting them a pass to take their rental car on the ferry.

"There's only parking available for two cars, but the Utah Memorial is beautiful and well-kept by the Navy," says Koester. "It's a shame it's so hard to get there."

But that may be resolved in the near future. An estimated \$90 million causeway/bridge to Ford Island is planned. Brady says he expects the work to be completed within five years. "When that happens, things will probably change. It should make it much easier for people to get out to see the memorial."

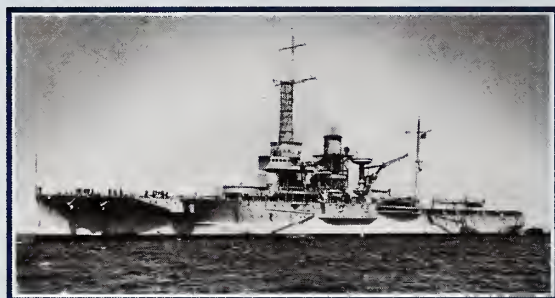
Meanwhile, a sign at the water's edge to the left of the memorial walkway continues to haunt Koester, Soucy and other *Utah* survivors. It reads, "No Fishing." To them, the sign might as well read, "No Visiting."

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## AN UNLUCKY LADY



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tunity to impress the folks back home by claiming they sunk a flattop," he says.

- On that day, the *Utah* was still outfitted for its role as a bombing target ship. If it, instead, had been converted to its gunnery school role, it could have been a

"turkey shoot" for Navy gunners, says Legionnaire Alan R. Koester of Post 476, Beach Haven, N.J. "The best antiaircraft gunners in the Navy were on it."

The *Utah*, however, was unable to defend herself because her guns were covered by steel-housing "dog houses," or dismantled.

- Heavy 6-inch thick and 12-inch wide planks several feet long were placed on the deck of the *Utah* to bolster her against the impact of the practice bombs. Those timber planks tumbled off the deck as the ship was capsizing and undoubtedly crushed crew members in the water.

- To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor in 1991, the West Indies island nation of St. Vincent issued \$1 stamps of the men who were awarded the Medal of Honor at Pearl Harbor. There were 16 Medal of Honor recipients, but only 15 stamps were issued. The one excluded: Chief Watertender Peter Tomich of the *USS Utah*. —R.M. □

**W**AS the *USS Utah* a Jonah? Ill winds seemed to follow the former battleship after she was recommissioned as a mobile target ship and fleet antiaircraft gunnery school on April Fool's Day, 1932:

- She was the prime target of torpedo planes and dive bombers in the first moments of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. Japanese pilots, according to most historians, mistook her for the aircraft carrier *USS Lexington*, which occupied the same berth, Berth F-II, when she was in port. *Lexington* left Hawaii on Dec. 5 and *Utah* took her place at the berth.

Lee Soucy, a *Utah* survivor, does not agree with the historians. He says she was the wrong ship parked at the right place when the Japanese attacked. Soucy says there's no way the Japanese pilots could have mistaken the *Utah* for a carrier. "A carrier should have been in Carrier Row instead of a training ship, so their propagandists seized the oppor-



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## COMMANDER'S TESTIMONY



# HEALTH REFORM MUST STRENGTHEN VA

- Congress needs to protect VA's role in providing medical care to veterans, Nat'l. Cmdr.
- Detweiler testifies on the Hill.

**M**ILLIONS of veterans are counting on Congress to make certain that veterans' health care is a major partner in health-care reform," National Commander William M. Detweiler told Congress in his annual testimony before the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees in September.

"VA has the talent and the proven experience to play an important role in the nation's health care, and it must," he said.

If Congress passes some form of health-care reform, Detweiler told the committees, it also must be prepared to strengthen the Department of Veterans

Affairs (VA) with more political support and more money so it can better serve veterans.

Detweiler recommended the following congressional mandates to put VA on the right track:

**Money.** VA must have a guaranteed source of money to meet the costs of delivering health care to veterans. The full range of health-care services for service-connected veterans and indigent veterans must not be curtailed because of government-wide spending restrictions.

**Access.** All veterans should have access to VA health care, regardless of their incomes. Private insurance should be allowed to pay for medical care of nonservice-connected veterans at VA facilities. This money should be kept by local VA hospitals to enhance their programs. Medicare reimbursement for treatment of eligible, nonservice-connected veterans must be authorized.

**Specialized care.** VA professionals must continue to provide specialized-care programs such as rehabilitation, prosthetics, spinal cord injury, blindness, aging, mental health and long-term care.

**Affiliations.** VA must remain a

**TAKING THE HILL**—From left, Legislative Chairman Charles Pessio, Louisiana Sen. John B. Breaux, National Commander Detweiler and VA&R Chairman Chet Stellar address Congress.

backup to the Department of Defense medical system and maintain its professional affiliations with medical schools.

**Modernization.** Money is needed to modernize VA's medical equipment and for improving its facilities.

In the context of improving the overall delivery of medical services to the nation's veterans, Detweiler also addressed the following issues:

### VA BUDGET

For Fiscal Year (FY) 1996, the VA medical care budget should be \$19.6 billion, a \$3.3 billion increase from the proposed 1995 budget of \$16.3 billion. For VA to properly take care of veterans, this money is needed.

### MEDICAL CARE

**Gulf War Illnesses.** As recommended by the Persian Gulf Expert Scientific Committee, a thorough epidemiological study of Desert Storm

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veterans must be conducted. This study needs to assess both short-term and long-term consequences of service in the Gulf War on veterans and their families.

**Agent Orange.** The health ills caused by exposure to Agent Orange must be further studied so that all affected veterans can receive treatment and compensation.

VA Secretary Jesse Brown should take the recommendations of last year's National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Agent Orange report which called for a non-government committee to estimate exposure to Vietnam veterans through historical reconstruction based on military records. In the meantime, veterans are still dying with various cancers and many of their survivors are left penniless. Many have children with disabilities.

**Medical and prosthetic research.** The American Legion recommends a \$300-million FY 1996 budget for VA's medical and prosthetic research, \$48 million more than the proposed FY 1995 \$252-million budget. The proposed FY 1995 budget represents no increase from the 1994 budget, and would cause a reduction in both projects and personnel.

**State Veterans Home Program.** VA requires \$75 million for its State Home Construction Program in FY 1996, \$28.3 million more than the proposed FY 1995 budget of \$47.3 million. State Veterans Homes provide an economical alternative to VA facilities such as domiciliaries and nursing homes.

### VETERANS BENEFITS

**Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA).** The American Legion recommends a FY 1996 \$785 million budget for the VBA for claims adjudication, staffing and operations, \$25 million more than the proposed FY 1995 budget. This money would enable the Board of Veterans Appeals (BVA) to improve the timeliness of claims, which is now a major problem.

In FY 1995, the backlog of pending claims at regional offices is projected to decrease from 700,000 cases to a little over 400,000. However, today there are more than 34,000 claims files at BVA, with another 21,893 pending appeals being held in regional offices. BVA's overall response time is a dis-

mal 800 days.

**Gulf War Illness Compensation.** The American Legion commends the 103rd Congress for passing the Veterans' Persian Gulf War Benefits Act (H.R. 5244). The legislation will allow the government to compensate veterans of Desert Storm who have ailments that cannot be diagnosed. More than 20,000 Gulf War veterans have reported mysterious illnesses connected to their service in the battles to liberate Kuwait.

H.R. 5244 also provides money for research, and requires the VA Secretary to develop a new outreach program and work within the federal government to establish a protocol for diagnosing the diseases.

**National Cemetery System (NCS).** The American Legion recommends a FY 1996 budget of \$78 million, a \$5.4 million increase from the \$72.6 million FY 1995 budget.

The American Legion commends the proposal to fund the construction of a new national cemetery in the Seattle/Tacoma area in FY 1995. The Legion also supports VA's decision to construct a new national cemetery on the grounds of the Army Ammunition Arsenal at Joliet, Ill., and suggests the following areas for new cemetery development: Albany, NY; Cleveland, Ohio; and Dallas, Texas.

VA's burial allowance for veterans buried in private cemeteries must be reinstated and increased to curb the urgent need for more VA national cemeteries. Until 1981, this benefit



**BACKLOG—VA must speed up the time it takes to handle claims, Detweiler tells Congress.**

was available to all veterans. It is also important to restore the pre-1990 Omnibus Reconciliation Act burial benefits to provide eligibility for government furnished headstone and plot allowances.

The Legion has called for the expansion of existing cemeteries where feasible, and the construction of new national and state veterans' cemeteries.

**GI Bill.** The American Legion continues to push for an improved Montgomery GI Bill that covers the cost of a quality college education. Over the past 18 years, the cost of a four-year college education has increased 240 percent (13.3 percent annually). However, the GI Bill education benefit has increased by only 3.6 percent (0.2 percent annually).

### EMPLOYMENT

**Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS).** The American Legion supports VETS doing the following: continuing the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA); providing training through the Transitional Assistance Program (TAP) for all GIs prior to discharge; and continuing funding for the National Veterans' Training Institute (NVTI).

**Job training and placement.** Congress should review the criteria for obtaining federal grants and modify existing rules so that private sector organizations such as The American Legion can compete for federal dollars for their job programs.

The American Legion and Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Career Transition Program has trained 158 veterans for construction jobs, and is expected to train 354 more over the next two years.

### CONSTRUCTION

VA major construction requires a \$500 million FY 1996 budget, \$150 million over FY 1995. Minor construction needs to increase \$100 million to a \$250 million FY 1996 budget.

Modernization of VA facilities is necessary for them to compete under whatever health-care reforms are enacted. Investing in VA's infrastructure is an important part of an overall strategy to strengthen VA's medical care delivery. □



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# A Most Memorable CHRISTMAS

By Gene DuVall

**R**AUS MIT DU, SCHWINE HUND! — “Out with you, you low life!” These were the words I remember hearing every morning in Stalag VIIA, the German prisoner of war camp located in Moosburgh, Germany, 15 kilometers from Munich.

Although the winter of 1944 in Europe was the coldest in quite some time, we were looking forward to Christmas Day. The word was that we would be allowed to lay around and take it easy with no work details.

To discourage escape attempts, we were not allowed shoe laces, socks or belts. Very few of us had underwear. Of my own GI clothing, all that remained were the wool pants and shoes I hit Omaha Beach with on D-Day.

Most of the thousands of POWs in our camp were issued old French flannel army shirts, woolen trench coats and a woolen blanket with more holes in it than the material it was made of. The trench coat they gave me must have been made for a 7-foot tall French soldier. It dragged on the ground, and I could hardly walk in it.

Using a piece of sharp tin from a can received in an American Red Cross food parcel, I cut the coat off between my ankles and knees, and used a piece to make a ski mask, with

*Gene DuVall, a freelance writer from Eureka, Calif., was a WWII prisoner of war at Stalag VIIA in Germany.*

*For a few moments  
50 years ago,  
the enemies in  
Stalag VIIA  
shared the spirit  
of the season.*

holes for eyes, nose and mouth. With the material left over, I sewed a pouch into my coat to sneak loot from work details into the prison camp.

The blanket was more like a horse blanket and the odor seemed to confirm it. Some of the POWs were lucky enough to find or steal burlap and other materials to make extra blankets and clothing.

Thanks to the ingenuity of a British POW, each man made his own miniature cook stove out of tin cans from the food parcels.

Our barracks were thin-walled, unheated buildings without water or electricity. We slept in bunks stacked three high, made of salvaged wood, with bug-infested straw mattresses. To take the chill out of the air, we lit candles found or stolen on work details in Munich.

The guys mostly played cards, read or talked about going home. During one of those days we were killing time, I suggested putting on a Christmas play to help the morale of the men. Everyone thought it a good idea, except for one man, who I'll call Joe.

Joe was more depressed than any man in the barracks. Most of us felt he was suicidal. Maybe this would give him something to think about, instead of focusing on the loneliness and despair that was eating at him.

The word was spread and the idea caught on like wildfire. Committees were formed, and our barracks leader—a natural-born catalyst—was chosen as director. We never found out how he managed to get the lumber to build the stage and benches for the audience.

Everyone continued to scrounge things suitable for making music, decorations, or something to eat and drink. When things were brought in, they'd be hidden under mattresses or floor boards, or buried.

As Christmas drew near, the anticipation and enthusiasm grew more contagious and magical. An ex-stage director was found among the POWs. Choirs were formed, and a magician, impersonators, comedians, actors, writers, ushers and stage hands stepped forward. There were so many volunteers they couldn't all be put to work.

The GIs who smoked chipped in one cigarette each to bribe the guard for a Christmas tree. Ornaments were made of tin, paper, wood and cloth, and someone scrounged several cans of paint to color them with.

Raisins, prunes, sugar, chocolate  
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# WHO IS AMERICA?

**Here's what the census tells us: There is no average American anymore. What we believe about our families, our income, even our complexion, no longer is true.**



**H**OW OLD are we? How much do we earn? What's our ancestry? The Census Bureau knows. While most of us simply filled out the 1990 census form and forgot about it, back in Washington, the Census Bureau has been busily analyzing our answers. Some \$2.6 billion and several years later, the bureau has spewed forth mountains of data, with information on everything from how many of the 248,709,873 Americans the bureau counted lack complete plumbing at home (1.1 million), moved in the last five years (45 million), and drink their own well water (15 million).

Put the pieces of census together, however, and a startling picture of America emerges:

"The census tells us who we are, as opposed to the myths we believe to be true about ourselves," says Sam Roberts, *The New York Times'* urban affairs columnist and author of *Who We Are*, a comprehensive look at the underlying meanings of the 1990 census.

In this interview with *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*, Roberts tells us about the shocking changes occurring in America, as revealed by the census.

**AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE:** The cost of the 1990 census was \$2.6 billion — \$10.40 per head counted. Was that money well spent?

**SAM ROBERTS:** It seems like a good bargain, given the immense amount of information that was collected. What's so remarkable in looking at the census is the vast changes the country went through in the 1980s. When we look at our totems — the things we have always believed to be true — we are finding that many aren't that true any more.

**Q.** You say there is no "Average American." Why not?

**A.** There's no way to average our increasing diversity. Statistically, the average American is a 32.7 year-old white woman, married with a couple of kids. She lives in the suburbs in a three-bedroom house and she probably has

some German ancestry. Her family income is \$30,056.

But there cannot be an "average" American because today we are all so different, starting with our complexions, our race and ethnicity.

**Q.** How did our complexion change?

**A.** In the 1980s, the nation's complexion changed more dramatically than in any prior decade in our history, primarily due to immigration. Now, non-Hispanic whites are only about 75 percent of the population and dropping.

In 1990 there were more foreign-born people — 22 million — than ever before. Asian-born people in America today outnumber the European-born, and the 6.8 million Latin American-born people outnumber the Asian-born.

By the year 2050, when the U.S. population is projected to be 400 million, more than one in five Americans will have come to the United States since 1990 or be the children of those immigrants. By that time, blacks, Hispanics and Asians may constitute nearly a majority of the nation's children.

We are reaching a point where no single racial or ethnic group will constitute a majority in America. Non-Hispanic whites may not cease to be a majority precisely in 2050, but that is the direction we are going.

**Q.** If a prognosticator stood up in the Midwest and made that prediction, it would be greeted with deep skepticism.

**A.** That's true. Immigrants tend to come to the coasts, and they concentrate in four states — California, Texas, Florida and New York. Consider that the Hispanic population of California is 7.7 million — that's more than the population of all but eight states. But our diversity isn't evenly distributed. In California one in four people is foreign born; in the Midwest farm belt, one in 50.

**Q.** How has the nature of the family changed?

**A.** Murphy Brown wasn't a trend setter. Nevertheless, one in four American kids is growing up with a single par-





**SEARCHING—**  
New York Times  
writer Sam Roberts  
(foreground) finds  
America in its  
statistics.

ent. What's troubling about this is that a kid born to a single mother is still more likely to be poor, on welfare, under-educated and place a larger burden on society.

And *only* about one in four is growing up in the traditional "Ozzie and Harriet" family, where there are two parents, the mom as the housewife and the dad as the bread winner. Our family structure is changing and we haven't fully come to grips with it.

**Q. Are small towns disappearing?**

**A.** They have declined enormously. The biggest problem is economics — people follow jobs and jobs are being concentrated in metropolitan areas. In 1990, for the first time in our history, a majority of Americans lived in metropolises of more than 1 million people. Today three in four Americans — 187 million — live in urban areas that comprise just 2½ percent of the nation's land mass.

**Q. But at the same time some old cities are dying. For example, from 1980 to 1989, Detroit lost 15 percent of its population, Cleveland, 12, and New Orleans, 11.**

**A.** Those population losses aren't necessarily what's troubling. It's who the cities are losing — the more well-to-do — and they're leaving the poorer behind. Some cities consequently are clearly having a very tough time surviving financially because the tax base is eroding.

We are watching what amounts to the creation of two very different Americas — central city America, increasingly lived in by the poor and immigrants, and suburban America. In terms of complexion, politics and culture, these now

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### *Sam Roberts On...*

**Our changing complexion:** "Roughly by the year 2050, no single racial or ethnic group will constitute a majority in America. Non-Hispanic whites are about 75 percent of the population and dropping."

**The changing family:** "One in four kids is growing up with a single parent. Only one in four is growing up in the traditional 'Ozzie and Harriet' family."

**Where we live:** "For the first time, most Americans live in metropolises of more than one million people."

**The graying of America:** "Our median age is 32.9, shockingly old by global standards. Before the decade's end, the number of deaths will exceed the number of births per year. That has never before occurred in this country."



# A **44** Determined AMERICA

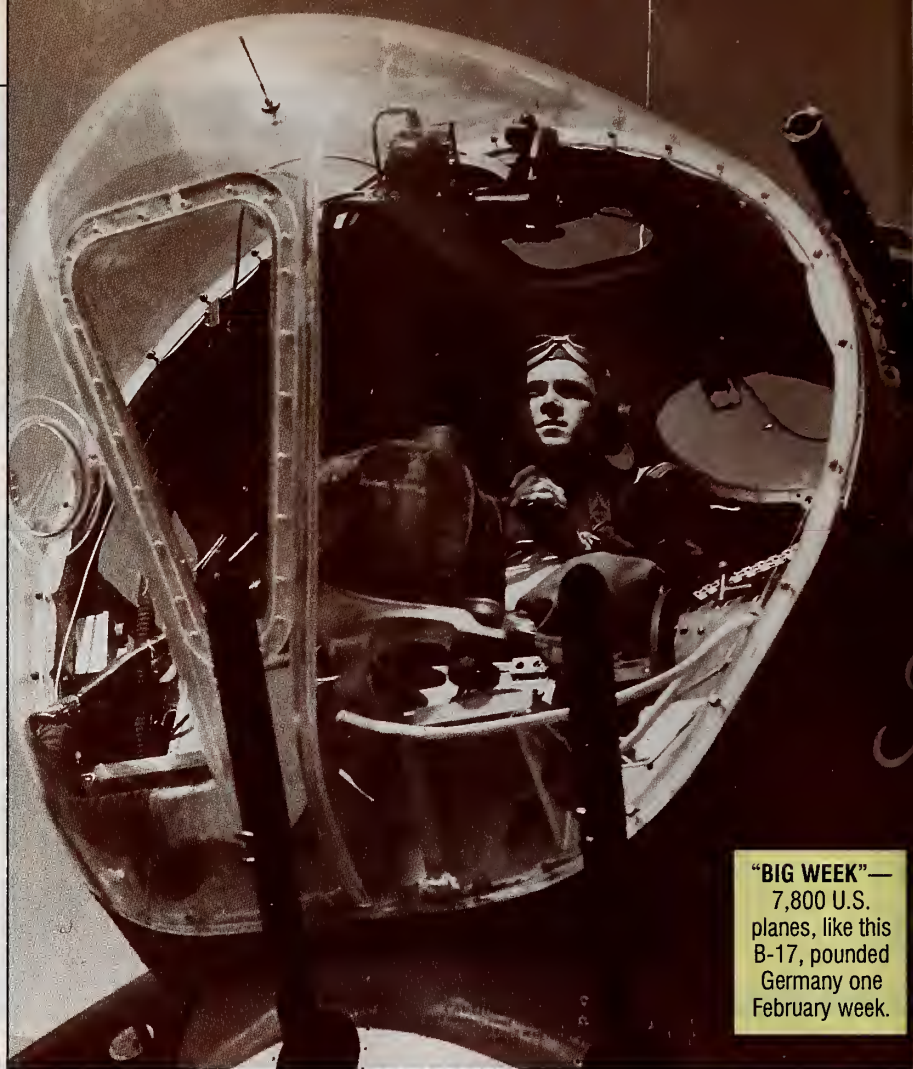
**AFTER TWO YEARS  
OF WAR, AMERICANS  
ANXIOUSLY HOPEO  
FOR THE BEGINNING  
OF THE END.**

## **WORLD WAR II: THE WAR YEARS**

**T**HIS SERIES of special annual articles commemorating the 50th anniversary of World War II continues with this review of 1944. The "War Years" series will conclude in September 1995 with a special "Victory!" issue. It will cover the end of the war and look ahead to the post-war and Cold War eras. In addition, we will continue to publish individual "Battle Report" articles throughout 1995.

All of these articles honor those who served, fought and died in World War II. Their courage, resolve and sacrifice will always be remembered.

— The Editors



**"BIG WEEK"**—  
7,800 U.S.  
planes, like this  
B-17, pounded  
Germany one  
February week.

**By Norman Goldstein**

**A**S 1944 BEGAN, Americans felt the wounds of two years of global war, but were determined to see it through to victory.

They anxiously followed the exploits of Patton and Montgomery in Italy and awaited the anticipated Allied assault on Europe that would mark the beginning of the end.

But not many thought it imminent. Polls taken in mid-January showed less than half felt the war in Europe would be over by the end of the year. Others said it would be 1945 or even 1946. Japan, most thought, would take even longer to defeat.

The Selective Service announced in January it would double the draft by including fathers of young children. By July 1, there were 11.13 million men and women in the services.

Politics, as well as war and peace,

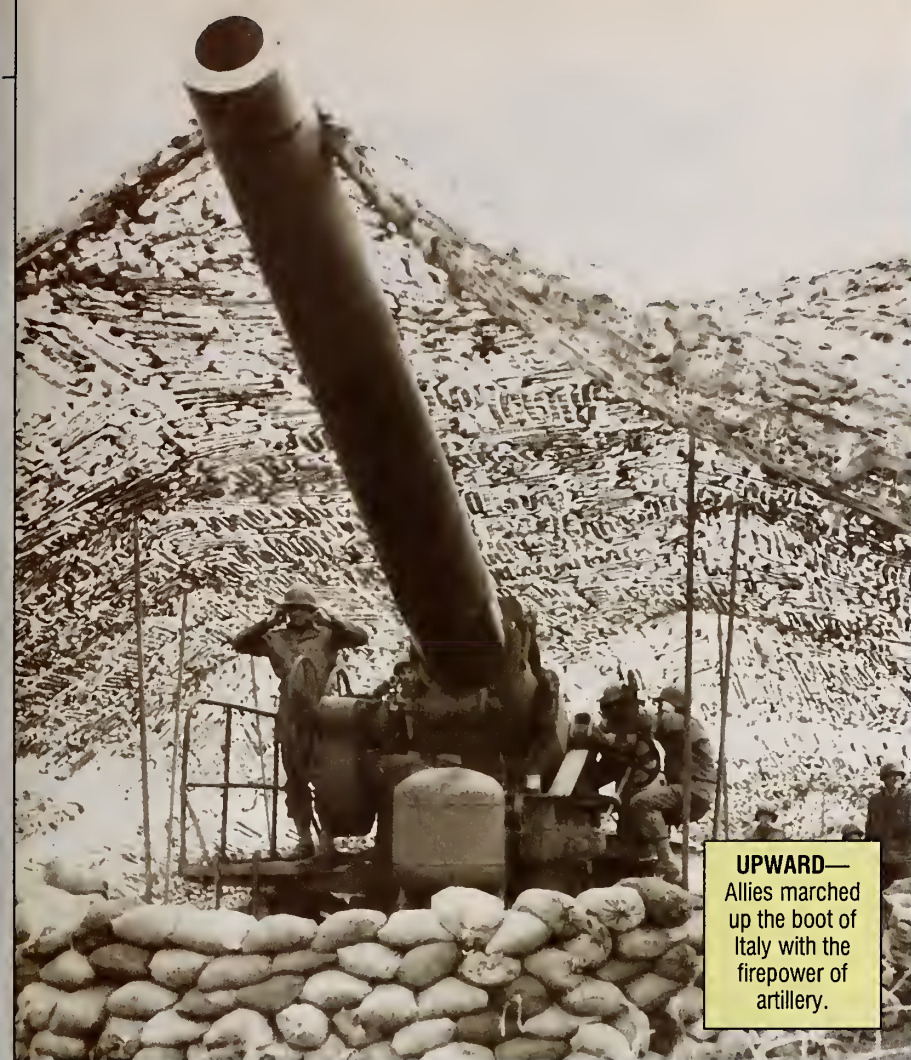
was a top conversation. It was the first time since the Civil War that Americans would go to the polls to elect a President during wartime.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, running for a fourth term, awaited the nomination of his rival. Among the possibilities were front-runners Wendell Willkie and New York Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, along with Gov. John Bricker and Sen. Robert Taft, both from Ohio. Gen. Douglas MacArthur was a grassroots entry, but he was being coy about his intentions.

The entertaining and upbeat movie, *Going My Way*, provided escape from the war and earned Oscars for Bing Crosby, Barry Fitzgerald and director Leo McCarey. Country music dominated the radio waves with the likes of Jimmy Davis, Roy Acuff and Pappy O'David. "Praise the Lord and Pass the

*Norman Goldstein, who often writes on military subjects, was the author of "Korea: 1950-53," which appeared in the July 1993 issue. He wrote the articles in this special section, "The War Years: 1944."*





**UPWARD—**  
Allies marched  
up the boot of  
Italy with the  
firepower of  
artillery.



**HOME FOR CHRISTMAS—***In polls taken in 1944, most Americans thought their men would not be home for two or three more Christmases.*

Ammunition,” “There’s a Star-Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere” and “White Cliffs of Dover” were heard over and over again.

Baseball was hit hard by the war. Among the sport’s finest who had gone to war was Ted Williams, a Marine pilot. But America’s pastime remained popular, especially in St. Louis, where the Cardinals and Browns met later in the year in an intra-city World Series.

The Army boasted victories on fields of battle and football, as “Doc” Blanchard and Glenn Davis—Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside—led the U.S. Military Academy to an undefeated season.

A railroad strike was settled in time to get raw material needed for the heavy bombing runs on Germany in mid-February. In what became known as the “Big Week,” some 2,300 British bombers attacked Germany during night raids, while 7,800 American planes struck during daylight hours between Feb. 19-25. During that period, the Luftwaffe lost a staggering 450 planes.

Nearly 700 U.S. bombers and 800 fighter-support aircraft launched the first full raid on Berlin on March 6, and hit it again two days later. Raids on Berlin continued almost daily.

On the battlefield, with Sicily taken and Mussolini fallen, the Allies doggedly moved up the Italian boot through Salerno and Naples. On Jan. 22, the U.S. Fifth Army’s VI Corps led the landings at Anzio and drove inland to Cassino, where the Germans were massed to stop the advance on Rome.

The Germans set up headquarters in



**IN ROME—**An  
Italian girl  
greets Army Lt.  
Gen. Clark as  
he enters Rome  
on June 5.



a medieval monastery atop 1,700-foot Monte Cassino. The Allies tried three times to take the mountain; all were unsuccessful and costly. It was not until May 18, after two months of intensive attacks, that the U.S. Fifth Army and the British Eighth Army forced the Germans to withdraw from the monastery.

The Allies pierced the German Gustav Line across central Italy with the victory at Cassino, although there was still considerable opposition at several points in the valley.

Then, on Sunday, June 4, advance units of the U.S. Fifth Army entered and liberated Rome.

But perhaps the least publicized event of early 1944 was the most propitious:

On Jan. 15, Army Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had arrived in London to take up his post as supreme commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces. The



**MONTE CASSINO**—The Allies pierced the German defenses at this Italian stronghold.

decision to appoint the popular "Ike" to lead the Allied invasion of Europe was made by President Roosevelt, although his first choice was Gen. George C. Marshall, the U.S. Army chief of staff. But Marshall was considered invaluable running the war from Washington.

Roosevelt had met with Eisenhower in December 1943 and told him, sim-

ply: "Well, Ike, you are going to command Overlord."

Operation Overlord, the long-awaited invasion of Europe, had been discussed for years. Numerous locations for the invasion had been argued, from Murmansk to the Persian Gulf, Norway, Spain and Portugal — even across the Mediterranean from North Africa.

But, from the beginning of the talks, the Americans felt an attack across the English Channel was the primary route. The attack eventually was set for early May 1944, but delayed for several reasons, among them a per-

ceived lack of landing craft and often the weather.

On June 5, at 4:15 a.m., after several last-minute delays, Eisenhower announced the decision to go ahead with the attack on June 6. The end had begun. □

## WHY IKE WAS LIKED

**I**N CHOOSING Army Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to lead the D-Day invasion, President Roosevelt picked a skilled soldier with a rare gift for organizing and directing large military actions. "Ike" also was a man of integrity and courage.

FDR made his decision in December 1943, surprising many — including Britain's Winston Churchill — who had expected him to name Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall.

"Eisenhower is the best politician among the military men," the President said later. "He is a natural leader who can convince older men to follow him, and this is what we need."

For Eisenhower, it was the epitome of a military career that began at the age of 21 when he entered West Point.

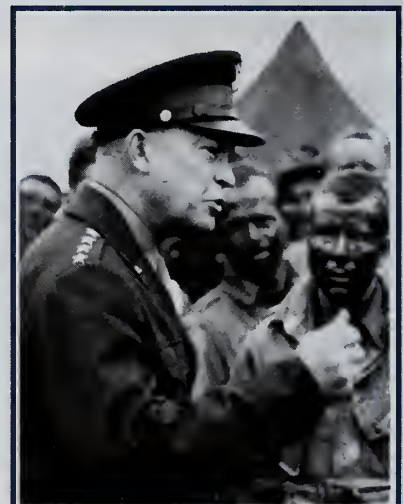
After graduation, the Texas-born, Kansas-bred soldier rose steadily in

the ranks. In World War I, 2d Lt. Eisenhower reached a temporary rank of lieutenant colonel. Between the wars, he served with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines, and in 1942, he became commander of U.S. forces in Europe.

President Roosevelt's selection of Eisenhower to direct the D-Day invasion proved to be a wise choice, as Ike became a true American hero.

After the war, he served as chief of the U.S. Occupation Forces in Germany, then replaced Gen. Marshall as Army Chief of Staff. He came back to the States a hero and was named president of Columbia University. He returned to the military in 1950 as the first commander of the newly created NATO forces.

His popularity established both in war and peace, Eisenhower rode an "I Like Ike" campaign to defeat Democrat Adlai Stevenson and become the 34th President of the



**A WINNER**—"Full victory—nothing else," is what Ike told GIs before D-Day.

United States in 1952. He kept a campaign promise and ended the Korean War in his first months in office.

The two-term President retired to his Gettysburg, Pa., home with his wife, Mamie. He died there in 1969. □



# THE BEGINNING OF THE END

**JUNE 6, 1944:**

**THE 'LONGEST DAY'**

**TURNED THE TIDE**

**AGAINST THE**

**GERMANS.**

**W**HEN THE crusade in Europe began before dawn on June 6, the Allies in England had amassed 17 British, three Canadian, one Polish, one French and 20 American divisions.

For the sky war, there were 5,049 fighter aircraft; 3,467 heavy bombers; 1,645 medium, light and torpedo bombers; 698 other combat aircraft; 2,316 transport aircraft; and 2,591 gliders.

Ready to go to sea were: 233 Tank Landing Ships (LSTs); 835 Tank Landing Crafts (LCTs); six battleships and two monitors; 22 cruisers; 93 destroyers; 159 smaller fighting craft, including PT boats and mine layers; 255 mine sweepers, and 72 Infantry Landing Crafts (LCIs). In all, there were more than 6,000 Navy fighting ships, landing crafts and merchant ships.



**D-DAY**—U.S. soldiers on a Coast Guard LCI cross the English Channel to Normandy.

The Allied strength on land and sea, and ready to go in the air on that day was 2,876,439 officers and men.

On the other side of the English Channel, Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt had 58 divisions in north-west Europe, including 10 armored Panzer divisions. There were 890 aircraft and over 1.4 million German troops in France, more than half of them army, defending an Atlantic Wall of concrete and steel blockhouses and artillery that overlooked the beaches.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower was supreme commander of the huge Allied invasion. British Gen. Bernard Montgomery headed the land forces, and Gen. Omar Bradley commanded the American troops. British Air Chief

Marshal Leigh-Mallory was in charge of the air force, and a fellow Brit, Adm. Bertram H. Ramsay, commanded the naval forces.

In his memoirs, Eisenhower recalls that the directive from the Combined Chiefs of Staff was "very simple, merely instructing us to land on the coast of France and thereafter to destroy the German ground forces...."

The plan was to land on the Normandy coast at Omaha and Utah beaches on the peninsula below Cherbourg, to build up resources for a decisive battle in the Normandy-Brittany region and break out of the enemy's encircling positions. Then, move out on a broad front with two groups, one to the left to gain necessary ports, the other on the right, linking up with





NATIONAL ARCHIVES



**OMAHA BEACH**—Allied convoys unload thousands of troops and tons of equipment.

**HEAVY TOLL**—Survivors of a landing craft sunk off France reach Utah Beach (inset photo). Almost 40,000 Allied troops died in the D-Day invasion.

forces coming through France from the south.

After establishing a new base along the western border of Germany and maintaining an “unrelenting” offensive, the next steps were to “complete the destruction of enemy forces west of the Rhine,” launch a final attack as a double envelopment of the Ruhr and follow up with an immediate thrust through Germany. The final order: “Clean out the remainder of Germany.”

The military objective may have sounded simple, but executing it surely was not.

Secrecy and weather were key factors. While the Germans were aware of an imminent invasion, exactly when and where was a well-camouflaged secret.

The most propitious combination of moon, tide and time of sunrise was June 5, 6 and 7. Meteorologists fore-

cast terrible conditions for June 5, high winds and overcast skies, and the invasion was delayed.

Weather Group Capt. James M. Stagg predicted, however, a break for the next day.

Ike announced the decision to go ahead.

“No one present disagreed,” he recalled about that decisive meeting with his Allied commanders.

“There was a definite brightening of faces as, without a further word, each went off to his respective post of duty to flash out to his command the messages that would set the whole host in motion.”

The mightiest fighting force the Allies could assemble—the largest amphibious invasion in history—began at 0630 hours for Americans and a little later for the British.

The invasion was preceded by four to five hours of aerial bombardment.

Paratrooper drops were scattered, but for the most part successful in securing the beaches — Omaha, Utah, Gold, Juno, Sword—between Cherbourg and Le Havre and advancing in

small groups across hedgerow country.

The end of the first day, “the Longest Day,” saw some 55,000 Allied troops dug in on the beaches along with thousands of vehicles and tons of materiel.

Omaha had been enlarged to a beachhead six miles wide and two miles deep.

It was a day of grand movements of men and personal acts of heroism — a day of blunders and a day of victories. It was also a day heavy with losses: 1,000 Americans died on Omaha Beach alone. But Americans hearing the news on radio that day went to bed comforted in knowing the invasion had succeeded.

The fighting in Normandy wiped out 40 German divisions, killing or wounding 240,000 men. For the Allies, 36,976 had died.

By June 10, the two beachhead armies from Omaha and Utah beaches had linked up.

Cherbourg fell to U.S. forces on June 27; it was the first major French port to come under Allied control.





**PARIS RE-TAKEN—**  
U.S. troops of the 28th Division march down the Champs Élysées, Aug. 29.

St. Lo, the crucial road junction linking Normandy and Brittany, came into U.S. hands July 18.

A week later, U.S. troops broke out with an armored thrust known as Operation Cobra and by Aug. 10, General George Patton's troops had isolated the Germans in Brittany and were headed rapidly east.

Eisenhower had planned on bypassing Paris on the road to Germany, but Gen. Charles DeGaulle insisted on sending Maj. Gen. Jacques Leclerc's 2nd French Armored Div. to the city. Ike sent the 4th Div. along with it. Paris surrendered on Aug. 25. Following Leclerc and DeGaulle's ceremonial parade, American infantrymen marched through liberated Paris and right back to war.

At the same time, a new front was launched from southern France at beaches between Cannes and Toulon, as forces headed north toward the Rhone Valley. The Germans surrendered in Toulon and Marseilles on Aug. 28.

The final march to Berlin had begun. □



**A** FIGHT-  
ing force  
is only as  
good as its  
supplies.

Allied troops breaking out of the Normandy beachheads and moving rapidly toward the Rhine stretched their supply lines dangerously thin.

Most of the supplies were still coming from Cherbourg. Brest and Lorient were still under siege as were the English Channel ports. The French railways had been badly damaged by bombings, and airlifts were limited.

In late August, transportation engineers improvised a round-the-clock truck delivery service tagged the Red Ball Express, from an old railroad term for the symbol used on freight cars carrying top priority cargo. Two parallel highways out of St. Lo were closed off to civilian

traffic and the 700-mile loop was marked with red ball signs. More than 6,000 trucks and drivers used the road, day and night.

In five days, the Red Ball Express delivered more than 12,000 tons to supply dumps serving forward units. By Sept. 5, it had delivered more than 80,000 tons.

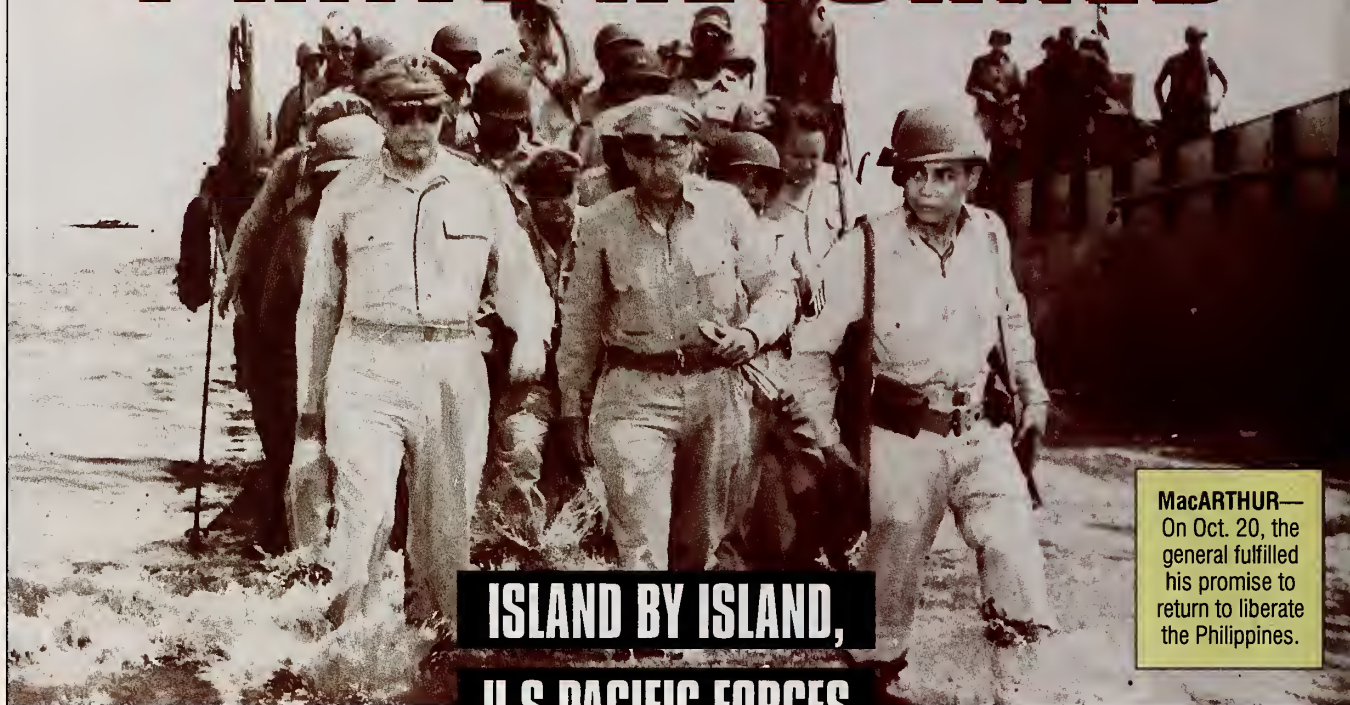
Vehicles ran at least 20 hours a day on the narrow roads, often traveling at unsafe speeds. They stopped only for loading, unloading and servicing. Relief drivers came from everywhere possible.

One soldier said the only way to avoid the convoy was to "not only get off the road, but climb a tree."

Yet, in the long run, what Gen. Dwight Eisenhower was to call a "heroic and effective effort" proved insufficient. Tires, trucks and drivers wore out and, at times, the Allies had to stop and wait for deliveries, hampering the overall strategy in the march toward the Rhine. □



# 'I HAVE RETURNED'



**MacARTHUR—**  
On Oct. 20, the general fulfilled his promise to return to liberate the Philippines.

**ISLAND BY ISLAND,  
U.S. PACIFIC FORCES**

**GOT CLOSER AND**

**CLOSER TO JAPAN,**

**AND TO VICTORY.**

**D**OUGLAS MacArthur had made his promise. The United States would return to the Philippines, the islands where the defense failed in 1942. Retrieving those islands was more than a military mission for Douglas MacArthur. They were the islands in which he and his father, Arthur, had been so intimately involved, professionally and personally.

With the offensive crusade in Europe sending Hitler reeling, there was renewed emphasis on the counter-attack in the Pacific.

By 1944, American sea power had grown enormously. There were eight new battleships — among them the 58,000-ton *USS Missouri* — 92 carriers and 513 destroyers and escorts. With carriers like the *Lexington* holding 100 warplanes, the flattops were indeed floating air bases. It is little wonder that the war in the Pacific evolved into a carrier war.

The U.S. plan was to leapfrog

heavily defended Japanese-held islands that would be too costly for the Americans to capture. With their sights set on the Philippines and Japan, American forces swept through the Solomons, the Gilberts, the Marshalls and Marianas.

By the end of 1943, the United States controlled the Solomons, except for Bougainville, had taken Tarawa in a bloody battle and had landed at two points on New Britain. U.S. Marines and soldiers invaded Kwajalein in the Marshall Islands on Jan. 31 and took control within a week.

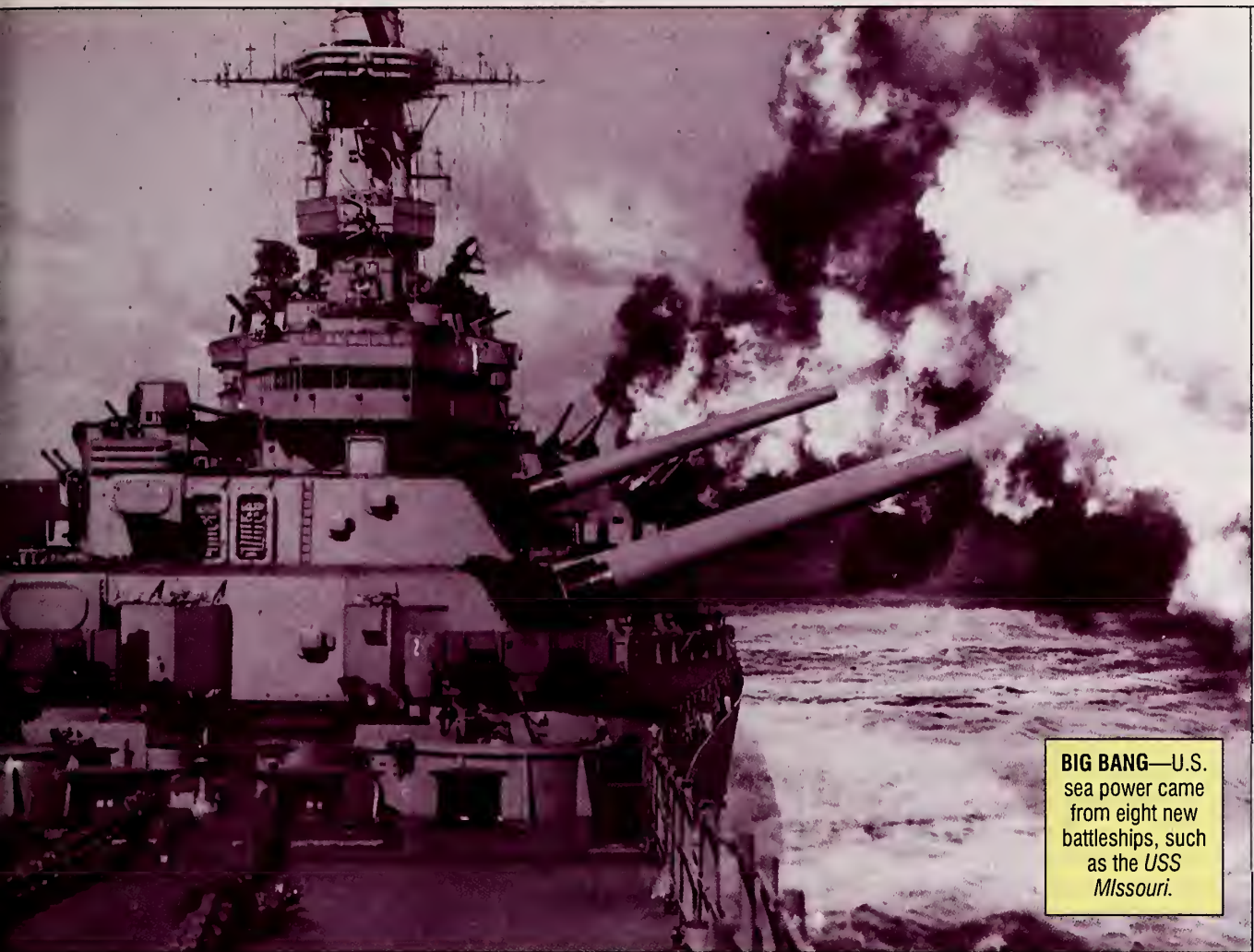
The Americans then moved closer to Japan with the capture of Eniwetok. At Truk, they destroyed 200 planes on the ground and sunk 41 ships. In the first direct naval attack on Japan's homeland, American warships shelled the Kurile Islands of northern Japan. Another invasion force took the Japanese by surprise and landed in Netherlands New Guinea on April 22.

In June, U.S. forces began the most ambitious of the Pacific amphibious invasions.

On June 6, D-Day in Normandy, American bombers took off for the Japanese-held islands of Saipan and Tinian. Nine days later, after air and sea bombardment, the 2nd and 4th Marine divisions and the 27th Army Div. landed on Saipan in the Marianas — 1,500 miles from Hiroshima. Several weeks of bloody fighting was still to come before the Americans took the island on July 9. The cost was high — 3,400 GIs and 27,000 Japanese were killed.

When the Japanese tried to reinforce the island, the Americans sank





**BIG BANG**—U.S. sea power came from eight new battleships, such as the *USS Missouri*.

three of their carriers and shot down 475 planes over the Philippine Sea in a stunning victory known as "The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot."

The Japanese withdrew what was left of its carrier force to defend the home islands.

Guam, which had fallen to the Japanese less than a week after Pearl Harbor, was an especially symbolic victory, as well as a strategic one. The 3rd Marine Div. and the Army's 77th Div. landed on Guam on July 21. The island was secured Aug. 10 after 20 days of fierce combat in which the Japanese lost 17,000 men. Only 500 Japanese surrendered. The United States listed 1,214 dead and 6,000 wounded.

(Today, more than half a million Japanese tourists visit the island every year. Around Tumon Bay, near where 753 Marines died in the initial assault to retake the island, neon signs advertise Japanese shops and arcades.)

In September, Adm. Chester Nimitz's Marines of the 1st Div. land-

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## PHILIPPINE SCOUTS: LOYAL AND COURAGEOUS

**D**URING the early defense of the Philippines, a few did much for many. The few were the loyal and courageous Philippine Scouts, originally a brigade of Filipinos with American supervision. They had been organized as a branch of the U.S. Army in 1900 by Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, father of Douglas, when he was Philippine military governor.

In mid-1941, Douglas MacArthur, known to the Filipinos as "MacArthur the Younger" to distinguish him from his father, was assigned to command the Military District of Manila and then the Philippine Scout Brigade.

In July 1941, American and Filipino troops were merged into a single army under MacArthur. By mid-December, when Lt. Gen. Masaharu Homma and the Japan-

ese 14th Army began their main landings on Luzon, there were 22,000 U.S. soldiers and Philippine Scouts, along with a commonwealth army of 80,000, most of them inexperienced.

The Scouts, primarily the 26th Cavalry, were asked to defend the Philippines and, eventually, just delay the invading forces.

After a week of defending the Bataan peninsula, the Scouts of the 26th were down to 15 ounces of food a day. They were forced to shoot and eat their horses and whatever dogs and snakes they could find. Some 500 Scouts a day contracted malaria.

Bataan fell in April and the last Filipino and American troops in the Philippines surrendered on June 9, leaving only guerrilla resistance.

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# NUTS!

**THE ALLIES COULD  
TASTE VICTORY IN  
EUROPE. THEN IN  
BELGIUM THERE  
WAS "THE BULGE."**

**A**S 1944 WANED, optimism waxed. The Allies had broken through in Europe and had the Germans backing up.

The Soviets were at the East Prussia border and along the Vistula in the center of Poland, and had taken over almost all of Hungary.

United States forces controlled the air and sea in the Pacific and seemed well on their way to Japan.

With the end apparently in sight, Americans were nettled by continuing shortages, especially of cigarettes and some household goods. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, with Harry S. Truman as his running mate, had once again prevailed at home, winning a fourth term over New York Gov. Thomas Dewey after a campaign that included promoting a V-E Day — Victory in Europe.

The Army had announced that a

million men would be sent home as soon as Germany was defeated.

It seemed as though the war in Europe was just about over. Over, as someone said — but for the shooting. The end to the fighting was further away than anticipated, or hoped.

On Sept. 11, GIs of the Fifth Armored Div. waded across the Our River from Luxembourg to Germany, becoming the first in German territory. But they were soon driven back.

A few days later, U.S. and British paratroopers floated down into Holland in Operation Market Garden. Their goal was to gain bridges on the lower Rhine at Arnhem. The daylight drop, with strong air support, was the largest Allied airborne operation to

## BESIEGED—

Surrounded, and despite their losses, the 101st Airborne Division soldiers stood their ground in Bastogne. Their commander, Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe, had a one-word reply for the Germans' call to surrender.



date, with some 20,000 troops landing from aircraft and gliders.

At first there was little opposition. But a massive German counterattack soon turned Arnhem into a disastrous setback for the Allies. In battles there in the Hurtgen Forest and at Aachen, U.S. forces suffered more than 134,000 casualties in three months.

But the conflict took a heavier toll on the enemy. Combined with Gen. George S. Patton's offensive in the





**SNIPER HUNT—**  
Door by door,  
U.S. GIs re-take a  
Belgium town  
from the Nazis.

Lorraine, the Allies inflicted an estimated 3,000 German casualties a day.

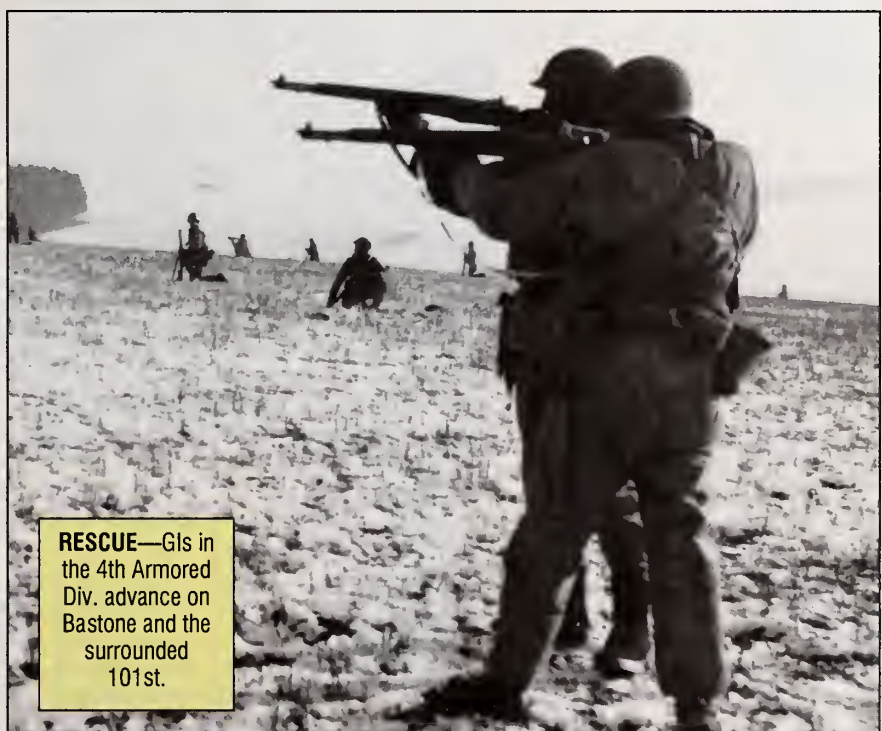
Aachen was finally taken on Oct. 21. But it took until Nov. 28 before the much-needed port of Antwerp was opened and the supply lines once again caught up with the troops.

The Germans were able to put together one more counteroffensive to the southeast in Belgium, where the poet recalled the toll of a previous war — “in Flanders fields the poppies blow/Between the crosses, row on row.” German Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, the man who had been victimized by the D-Day surprise at Normandy, was not about to give up.

On Dec. 16, on Hitler’s orders, he launched a counteroffensive in the Ardennes Forest, just as U.S. forces were on the verge of a final offensive into Germany proper.

It was Hitler’s last desperate effort in the West and for a while it worked.

Von Rundstedt pushed the U.S. First Army back and encircled the



**RESCUE—**GIs in  
the 4th Armored  
Div. advance on  
Bastone and the  
surrounded  
101st.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES





101st Airborne Div. around Bastogne. The center of the Allied line fell back, creating a "bulge" that spawned a name for one of the most decisive battles in military history: the Battle of the Bulge.

A few days before Christmas, the 101st "Screaming Eagles," battered — and for all intents — beaten, were asked to surrender. Under a light snowfall, the Germans had sent four men under a white flag, asking to see the American commanding general.

Their message was relayed to Brig. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe's headquarters in a cellar under a barracks.

"They want us to surrender," Col. Ned Moore told him.

"Aw, nuts," McAuliffe said.

But he couldn't decide on an official answer.

"That first remark of yours would be hard to beat," an aide told him.



**ONWARD**—After Christmas, U.S. halftracks roll on as German prisoners are led to the rear.

"What was that?" McAuliffe asked.

"You said, 'Nuts,'" Lt. Col. Harry Kinnard told him.

And so McAuliffe's official reply:

**"TO THE GERMAN COMMANDER: NUTS!"**

**"THE AMERICAN COMMANDER."**

The 101st held the line. A few days later, they were finally relieved by Patton, leading the U.S. 3rd Army, and the 1st and 9th armies. With new strength, the Americans began their own counterattack on Dec. 30.

The Rhine was in their sights.

Back in October 1943, a month after the Allied landings in Italy, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower bet British Gen. Bernard Montgomery £5 that the war in Europe would be over by Christmas 1944. Now, 15 months later, Montgomery tried to collect, albeit a little early. Ike demurred: "I still have nine days left."

The war was now three years long, and Americans were hungrier than ever for victory. While there was much to be thankful for at year's end, "the boys" were still "over there." □

## THE FIGHTING SEABEES

**T**HEY were called Seabees — and had a number of other names to denote what an irregular bunch they were.

The Seabee nickname came from CB, the abbreviation for Construction Battalion, a civilian branch of the U.S. Navy hastily authorized in late December 1941. It was organized with plumbers, carpenters, truck drivers and construction workers who were soon doing their jobs under combat fire: "We build, we fight" was one of their mottoes.

Based on the unorthodox manner of their work, they earned other names—some printable—such as Confused Bastards. Their insignia was a flying bee wearing a sailor cap and carrying a Tommy gun, a wrench and a hammer.

Seabees were older than the average sailors—31—a fact that led to many jokes: "Don't pick on a Marine; he may be the son of a Seabee," sailors would say. But the Seabees'



**BUILDING & FIGHTING**—Wherever airfields or bases were needed, the Seabees were there.

wartime accomplishments gave the jokes a foundation of respect and admiration. Wherever overseas bases, airfields and waterfront facilities were needed, the Seabees provided them in their typical "Can Do" spirit that became another of their mottoes.

Their "Mulberries"—artificial har-

bors—were essential to the D-Day channel crossings. Their "magic box" pontoons made the landings at Salerno and Anzio possible. They unloaded 10,000 vehicles from Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs) in Sicily in 23 days. They leveled the mountains of Ascension Island and built a mile-long airstrip where most engineers said it couldn't be done.

On Okinawa, they built seaports with dock and cargo handling facilities, airfields and a seaplane base. On Guam, working under fire and using bulldozers as shields, they built and paved 100 miles of road in 90 days.

Adm. "Bull" Halsey called bulldozers one of the most decisive weapons of the Pacific war, along with subs, radar and planes.

William Bradford Huie wrote about them in the book, *Can Do*, and their contributions to the war were made legendary in a John Wayne movie, *The Fighting Seabees*. □



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# LEGION PLAYS KEY ROLE IN NEW GI BILL

**L**IKE THEIR fathers and grandfathers, future veterans may have The American Legion to thank for a GI Bill that will improve their education and make a better life for them.

Kansas Sen. Robert Dole has introduced into Congress the Servicepersons Readjustment Act of 1995. Like its predecessor, the Servicepersons Readjustment Act of 1944, much of the new GI Bill was taken from American Legion recommendations. Dole hopes to push the legislation through the 105th Congress next year.

Under the bill, active duty GIs would have the option to participate in the program, just like they do now with the Montgomery GI Bill. GIs could contribute \$100 a month for 12 to 48 months, depending on the plan they select. Benefits would be payable at a 12 to 1 ratio based on each full year of contributions.

For example, a veteran who contributed \$1,200 into the

program for a year would be eligible to receive education benefits up to \$14,400. A veteran who participated for 48 months would be eligible for benefits totaling \$57,600.

Both National Guard and Reservists are eligible to participate, but their contributions and benefits are half those earned by participating active duty personnel.

To be eligible, active duty personnel must serve at least three years from the date of enrollment. Guard and Reserve members must complete at least six years of continuous duty and have a satisfactory drill attendance rating.

The benefits must be used within 10 years. However, if veterans do not use their benefits within that time, they may request a non-interest bearing refund in the form of an IRS tax credit.

Veterans with less-than-honorable discharges and those who attended military academies or received ROTC scholarships would not be eligible.

## Employment Shell Game

Some federal agencies — including the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense and State, and the Federal Aviation Administration — are finding ways to circumvent 50-year-old veterans preference laws during reductions in force (RIF).

The Legion has received complaints about veterans being demoted. Meanwhile, their old positions often are renamed and then filled with women, minorities or the disabled. When the veterans appeal, they are told the old positions no longer exist.

The Legion and other veterans groups are pressuring Congress to ensure veterans in government jobs are treated fairly under the law. "But Congress seems to be more interested in protecting 'politically correct' workers than veterans," said Allen L. Titus, chairman of The American Legion's Economic Commission.

## COLA Equity Passed

Military retirees, originally targeted by Congress to have their retirement cost-of-living (COLA) increases delayed the longest, will now be treated the same as other federal retirees during 1995. Congress has passed the COLA Equity Amendment, sponsored by Arizona Rep. Jon Kyl, as part of the 1995 Defense Appropriation Bill.

This means that military retirees will receive their COLA in their April 1995 checks, just like federal retirees. However, the change is only good for 1995. Congress will have to address this issue again next year.

In the original 1993 five-year budget-cutting plan, military retirees were scheduled to receive their COLAs in October, while federal employees only had to wait until April. The Legion has testified before Congress condemning the unfair COLA delay for military retirees. The effective date of COLAs is scheduled to return to January, beginning in 1998.

## Families Sought

Survivors of the cruiser *USS Indianapolis* are searching for the families of sailors and Marines who were killed when the ship was sunk by a Japanese submarine during World War II.

The *USS Indianapolis* Memorial is scheduled to be dedicated Aug. 2, 1995, in Indianapolis, Ind., and the organizers would like other surviving crew members and the families of their dead shipmates to join them on the occasion. There are about 750 families that have not been located.

The ship was sunk at the end of World War II after delivering the atomic bomb. Of the 1,197-man crew, 881 went down with the ship or were

killed by sharks in one of the most tragic sea disasters of all time.

For more information, contact Pat Finnerman, *USS Indianapolis* Memorial, 1802 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46208, or call 1-800-482-5242.

## DoD Fights Back

Some 140 colleges and universities that bar military recruiters from their campuses can expect to lose Department of Defense (DoD) research grants, under provisions added to the 1995 Defense Appropriation Bill by New York Rep. Gerald B.H. Solomon and Oklahoma Sen. Don Nickles. For some institutions, it could mean the loss of millions of research dollars.

The practice of barring military recruiters began as a political protest on many campuses during the Vietnam War. Often the campuses also dropped Reserve Officer Training. More recently, some colleges have barred recruiters and discontinued ROTC programs because of the military's stance on homosexuals.

A similar measure was passed in the 1973 Defense Authorization Bill, but gave the Secretary of Defense the authority to make exceptions. As a result, most colleges that appealed were given exemptions, according to press reports. However, no such escape clause exists in the 1995 defense bill. □



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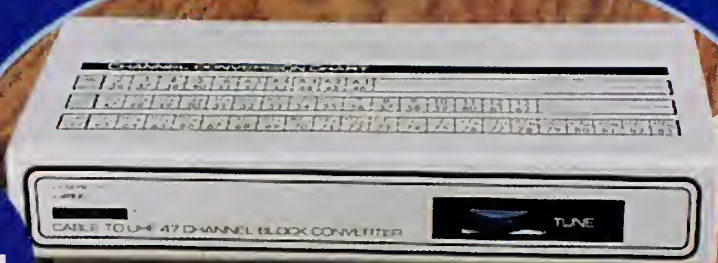
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## LEGION SUPPORTS CLINTON MOVES TO AVERT HAITI INVASION

**T**HE American Legion applauded President Clinton's efforts to restore democracy in Haiti without a military invasion.

In a Sept. 28 letter to the President, Nat'l. Cmdr. William M. Detweiler praised his sending former President Jimmy Carter, retired Army Gen. Colin L. Powell and Georgia Sen. Sam Nunn to secure terms for a peaceful U.S. occupation of the island.

Amid Clinton's threats in early August to use American military might to restore democracy in Haiti, then-Nat'l. Cmdr. Bruce Thiesen wrote to Clinton opposing such action on the grounds that "no vital American interest is at stake." The Legion maintains that position.

"I applaud your efforts in averting an invasion of

### Family Support Network Reactivated

**T**O HELP the families of the U.S. troops serving in Haiti and the Persian Gulf, The American Legion has reactivated the Family Support Network.

By calling 1-800-433-3318, families will be connected to local Legion Posts and Auxiliary Units that can provide assistance — volunteers to make home repairs, money for emergencies or just someone to talk to.

Originally launched in 1990 before Operation Desert Storm, the network

provides almost any kind of assistance for families of GIs.

"Families of those in the National Guard, reserve and active duty troops who are being called up for the missions don't necessarily reside near military bases where support is readily available to them," said National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle. "That's why it was decided to reactivate the network, which will remain in operation until units called up return home." □

Haiti," Detweiler wrote Clinton, after the peaceful occupation had occurred in September. In addition to praising the nonviolent handling of the crisis, Detweiler asked Clinton to ensure the safety of GIs now in Haiti.

One way to protect our troops and return the country to civil law, Detweiler wrote, is the "rapid, intensive training of the Haitian police and military service members loyal to the legitimate government."

Nat'l. Cmdr. Detweiler called for a U.S. withdrawal from Haiti as soon as possible, and urged that the U.S. government create an effective POW policy to protect and repatriate any captured GIs. He reiterated the Legion's opposition to the use of U.S. forces in peacekeeping operations under a foreign commander.

"The Legion continues to oppose any armed intervention where U.S. national security interests are questionable," Detweiler concluded. □



**TO THE RESCUE**—U.S. troops aboard this Army helicopter swept peacefully into Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Sept. 19.

### NATIONAL HISTORIAN DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT



**M. LaREINE MAXEY**  
*Appointed in September*

**N**ATIONAL Historian M. LaReine Maxey, 74, died in an auto accident in October on her way to the Department of Nevada's executive committee meeting.

Maxey and her husband, Clyde, 69, were driving on highway 95 to Tonopah, Nev., when another car struck the couple head on. At press time in mid-October, Clyde was hospitalized at Washoe Medical Center at Reno in serious condition with broken legs and internal injuries.

National Commander William M. Detweiler appointed Maxey as National Historian at the 76th National Convention in Minneapolis last September. "I am deeply saddened by LaReine's death," said Detweiler. "I admired her devotion to The American Legion."

Instead of flowers, donations to the Child Welfare Foundation, in memory of Maxey, are suggested. □



## Legion Reviews Smithsonian's Enola Gay Exhibit

**L**INE by line and picture by picture, The American Legion is reviewing the National Air and Space Museum's planned Enola Gay exhibit to ensure the historic aircraft and its mission will be displayed in the proper historical context.

The Legion became involved when early scripts for the exhibition — now titled "The Final Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II" — contained a number of inaccuracies and omissions.

It portrayed the Japanese as victims of American aggression, included only a one-half sentence mention of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, and contained few words about Japanese war atrocities.

To press for historical context and accuracy for the Enola Gay exhibit, Internal Affairs Commission Chairman Herman G. Harrington and members of the National Headquarters staff represented the Legion in 22 hours of meetings to revise the 500-page script with Smithsonian officials in September.

"The World War II veteran just wants to be remembered correctly," said Harrington. He said that the Legion continues to offer the Smithsonian advice.

The Legion will continue to monitor the exhibit, which opens in Washington, D.C., in May.

"I'm not going to tell you we didn't make some mistakes," said Smithsonian Undersecretary Constance Berry Newman during the

76th American Legion National Convention in Minneapolis. Newman said that on-going script revision is not an unusual process for the Smithsonian. She, along with museum director Martin Harwit, promised to work with the Legion to revise the Enola Gay script.

The Legion is not alone in its criticism of the exhibit. Two dozen congressmen condemned the exhibit in a letter to the museum, and the

Senate passed a resolution also seeking further revisions to the script.

In Minneapolis, convention delegates passed Res. 391, calling for Legion participation in the revision of the exhibit. The resolution, however, did not include Legion approval of the display, which has been called one of the most controversial exhibits in the 18-year history of the National Air and Space Museum. □

## OREGON POST OPENS DAY CARE CENTER



**THE KIDS ARE OK**—Post 61 of Junction City, Ore., raised \$200,000 to build the America's Child Day Care Center, which teaches children the importance of veterans.

## THE NEF STILL NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

**W**ORDS can't express how much I appreciate the monetary gift," wrote Auxiliary member Thelma Leinin of Albany, Ga., after receiving an NEF grant this past summer. "It will help me to start all over. What you do for people will never be forgotten."

By mid-October, the NEF had given 85 grants worth more than \$83,000 to individuals and one Post in southwest Georgia and eastern Alabama.

The fund gave money to Post 558 in Americus, Ga. The first floor of the two-story Post home was del-

uded, but NEF helped Legionnaires rebuild, says Willie Pitts, Department of Georgia Senior Vice Commander.

"The National Emergency Fund had enough money to readily help Georgia flood victims," says National Commander William M. Detweiler. "But we need to keep replenishing the fund to be able to provide assistance when disaster strikes in the future."

You or your Post can donate to the fund by writing to:

**National Emergency Fund  
The American Legion  
P.O. Box 6141  
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**E**VERY day, 2-year-old Alex Crum excitedly runs inside the America's Child Day Care Center, where he can laugh with his friends or play with toys.

He is one of several children at the center, which was established by Post 61 of Junction City, Ore.

Before Post 61 began the day care, Junction City's working parents had to search far and wide to find baby sitters for their kids.

The Post conducted a

six-month campaign to raise \$200,000 to buy a building and an adjacent parking lot for the center.

The center opened its doors in May, and can accommodate up to 38 children.

According to Post 61 Adjutant Don Epperson, the center has boosted the Post's image in the community and has made members proud to be Legionnaires.

"We wanted something for the community that was steady and progressive," Epperson said. □



## POSTS BUILT HOSPITAL IN VIETNAM

**T**ENS of thousands of Americans died while fighting for their country in the Vietnam War.

But their memories continue to live on through a 50-bed Vietnamese hospital built in their honor by Massachusetts Legionnaires.

Members of Post 435, Worcester, Mass., led by Post Commander Frank Carroll and a group of Gold Star mothers who lost their sons in the Vietnam War, began a fundraising effort in 1967 to build the hospital. The Post raised more than \$100,000 with help from Post 341 of Worcester and

other area Posts.

Erected in February 1970 at Lien Hiep, The Worcester County Living Memorial Hospital has treated 130,000 Vietnamese patients. Carroll, along with four Gold Star mothers, traveled to Lien Hiep that year for a ceremony to dedicate the facility.

Four years ago, after learning the hospital was in need of medical supplies and equipment, members of Post 435 began gathering used equipment and supplies donated by hospitals and medical supply companies. Post 341 volunteered to pack the equipment.

Some \$600,000 worth of equipment arrived at the

hospital last March. The Legionnaires are now working toward a second shipment of supplies, which they say will make their effort the largest American aid project to Vietnam since the war ended.

Dr. James Turpin, who founded Project Concern International to support clinics in Vietnam, is credited with introducing the idea of the hospital to Post 435.

"The American Legion deserves to get credit for this," Carroll said.

"It felt good to know we were a part of somebody's dream to carry on.

"It proves that these men and women did not die in vain," Carroll said. □

## LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

**Post 103 of West Branch, Mich.**, spent 18 months building the Ogemaw County Veterans Memorial. The Post raised \$10,000 with help from **Post 370 of West Branch** to create the tribute to living and deceased veterans of the county.

For more than 30 years, the **Department of Maryland** has raised as much as \$50,000 a year for its Medical Eye Bank. The bank has provided more than 800 corneas for sight-restoring transplants to veterans' hospitals throughout the United States.

**Post 87 of Alexandria, Minn.**, established a scholarship fund for mentally handicapped high school seniors in memory of Andy Jacobson, who died in 1992. Jacobson was wounded and disabled during the battle of Okinawa in 1945.

Rolando Cabanas, a member of **Post 42, Utuado, Puerto Rico**, donated \$20,000 to a nursing home in the city.

When the American Red Cross had to close a local center because of budget cuts, **Post 826 of Woodland Hills, Calif.**, offered the Post as a blood collection center. More than 3,000 pints of blood were collected last year.

For 69 years, **Post 107 of Natick, Mass.**, has been sponsoring a Flag etiquette program that teaches elementary school students Flag respect.

**Post 168 of Hammond, Ind.**, donated a new van to the mayor of the city, who will use the van to carry materials for school drug abuse programs. □

## LEGION FOUNDER LEPAVSKY DIES

**M**AURICE Lepavsky, an American Legion Founder, died Sept. 29 at the age of 95. A WWI and WWII Army veteran, he was one of four living founders.

Past National Commander John Geiger, Illinois Department Commander Kermit Holtgrewe and dozens of other Legionnaires attended the funeral.

Lepavsky was stationed in France in an observation balloon unit in March 1919 when he attended the Paris Caucus. The Paris meeting, along with the St. Louis Caucus two months later, led to the formation of The American Legion.

During his 75-year continuous membership in Post 38 of Villa Park, Ill., Lepavsky served in many positions. At the time of his death, he was the Post's adjutant.

A retired clothing sales supervisor, the Chicago native was an original member of the Chicago Poppy Association and the Cook County Veterans Assistance Commission.

He is survived by his brother, Irving. □



**MAURICE LEPAVSKY**  
95-Year-Old WWI And WWII Veteran







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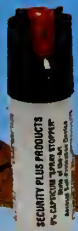
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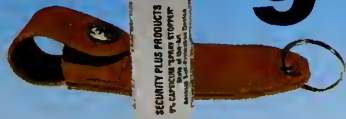
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## 'I HAVE RETURNED'

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ed on Peleliu, 450 miles from Mindanao in the Philippines. They were soon joined by the Army's 81st Div. in a grueling fight to establish an air base and harbor on the five-mile-long island. The brutal battle left nearly 1,500 U.S. Marines and soldiers dead along side the bodies of some 6,500 Japanese defenders.

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## PHILIPPINE SCOUTS

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Most Scouts were sent to prison camp in Tarlac province. When the Japanese paroled the Filipinos a few months later, some Scouts—loyal and dogged to the end — joined the guerrillas.

At war's end, Scouts who wanted to remain in the military were absorbed into the Philippine armed forces. When the United States later offered U.S. citizenship to veterans of all pro-U.S. guerrilla and organized military groups, several thousand former Scouts accepted. □

knee deep to the beach in his pressed suns, familiar braided hat and sun glasses.

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Three days later, the largest sea battle in history began as the submariners *Darter* and *Dace* discovered and attacked elements of the Japanese Combined Fleet on their way to Leyte. The Third and Seventh fleets, with surface forces and aircraft, virtually destroyed the Japanese navy. The Japanese lost 34 ships, including four carriers, three battleships and 10 cruisers. As a result, the Japanese navy was reduced to sometimes effective, but nonetheless futile, "kamikaze" suicide attacks from that point on.

Never again would the Japanese navy pose a threat.

Leyte was secured by mid-November by Lt. Gen. Robert Eichelberger's Sixth Army. Only 5,000 of the 70,000 Japanese soldiers who fought there had survived. In the period between Dec. 21 and Dec. 31, the 77th Army Div. estimated it had killed 5,779 Japanese at a cost of 17 Americans killed.

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# CHRISTMAS

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and powdered milk from Red Cross food parcels were hoarded for six weeks. They would be added to several loaves of black bread to make a pudding that would be given to each man as he came to watch the show. The rest of the raisins, prunes and sugar would be brewed into a strong

alcoholic drink that would be cut with water and portioned out to each man. By Christmas Eve all was ready.

The building we used to present the show held 100 men at a time. We scheduled the show hourly, so all the men in our section of the camp could see it. Where the energy from our weakened bodies came from, I'll never know. I suppose our determination to generate some happiness for our fellow GIs spurred us on. Not only Joe needed it, we all needed it.

The first show was at 8 a.m., Christmas day. The opening hymn, "O

Come All Ye Faithful," brought so many tears, we thought we'd have to stop the show. And there in the very first row of the choir was Joe, singing his head off.

The music and laughter could be heard throughout the camp. After the audience filed out of our third show, we heard the distinctive thump of German boots coming through the door. In came a German colonel, two majors, three captains, numerous lieutenants and about 60 enlisted men.

We feared they had come to put an end to our Christmas celebration. But, instead, they trooped to the front benches and sat down. The colonel then motioned us to proceed with the show.

The head usher, who spoke fluent German, climbed on the stage and dedicated the opening hymn to the German officers and enlisted men. Then the ushers passed out a slice of pudding and a drink to each German soldier.

The Germans were overwhelmed to see that someone in our situation could treat the enemy with such kindness. Some on both sides cried, including me.

After the performance, the German guards shook our hands and thanked us, saying *sehr gute* and *danke shon*. There were tears and happy smiles on their faces, as well as our own.

From that day forward, Joe was a new man, helping to lift spirits wherever he could. As for the German guards and us POWs, all the animosities were put aside that Christmas morning. But the next day, things were back to normal.

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OCS graduates, Fort Sill, Okla., 1941 thru 1976, updating class records. Contact: John Fisher, P.O. Box 1383, Paramus, NJ 07653-1383.

Patches, scarves and stickers from FB-111 units of the 509th Bomb Wing, Pease AFB; 380th Bomb Wing, Plattsburg AFB; and 340th Bomb Gp., Car-

swell AFB. Also memorabilia from tactical F-111 units. Contact: Curtis J. Lenz, 32 June St., Nashua, NH 03060-5345.

Patients or medical staff at Bainbridge Naval Training Center, November 1952, especially around Thanksgiving. Contact: Joseph P. Bell, 2 Ellis St., Woburn, MA 01801; (617) 932-1640.

Photo or negative of U.S. Coast Guard unit marching in the Armed Forces Day Parade in Savannah, Ga. in 1943. Contact: Floyd E. Glenn, 1008 E. 8th St., Stuttgart, AK 72160; (501) 673-6863.

Stories, histories and photos of Navy Utility Sq. 11 (VJ-11) from inception thru 1946. Contact: Bob Oldenburg, 615 West Spring, Lewistown, MT 59457-3154.

The owner of a silver ID bracelet that was found in a WWII aircraft mechanics tool box. Bracelet is inscribed "Edward L. O'Berg 13409748." Contact: Stanley L. Loftsgard, RR3, Box 609, Richland, MO 65556.

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GIs of the 339th Inf., 85th Inf. Div., who served in Italy, 1944-45, especially in the Po Valley campaign, for research. Contact: John Helser, 418 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, PA 17325; (717) 334-7971.

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# WHO IS AMERICA?

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are very different places.

**Q. Can the cities survive on their own without help from the federal and state governments?**

**A.** I don't think so. As a nation, we've been struggling with the problems of cities. Whether cities should be left to solve them on their own or whether they are a national problem that is in everyone's interest to help solve.

But we need the critical mass of people provided by cities. Cities enable interactions among people that cannot be replaced with video-conferencing, e-mail and the other new technologies. Cities remain where people come together and conduct much business in the way it has been conducted for hundreds of years. There also are our core American values, where we care for people and try to bring those who are less fortunate up into the middle class.

It is in everyone's interest to preserve the cities. It's not just charity. It is not realistic — politically, economically, or geographically — to think we could saw off cities like New York and Los Angeles.

**Q. Are suburbs where the political power now is clustered?**

**A.** In 1992, for the first time, the majority of the electorate resided in suburbs, and the suburbs will become even more dominant, politically and culturally.

More and more jobs are in the suburbs, and the number of people commuting from the suburbs to the city has declined greatly. When transportation isn't good enough and people tire of commuting, jobs move to those areas as well.

But the biggest growth in the 1980s wasn't in the suburbs, but in the outer ring of population that is just beyond the traditional suburb, what's called the suburban fringe or edge cities. This trend was made possible by improving transportation in the outer suburbs.

**Q. What economic changes occurred?**

**A.** What was alarming in the 1980s was that the gulf between the rich and the poor widened as the rich grew richer. Or to quote the Census Bureau,

there was "a fairly substantial increase in inequality." In 1980, the wealthiest fifth of the population collected 44 percent of the nation's income. By 1990, that had risen to 47 percent.

Meanwhile, the middle class has become smaller. From 1980 to 1989, it shrank from 71 percent to 63 percent of Americans. At the same time, more women are working — as many as three in four mothers with school age children are employed outside the home. But the combined household income did not enable as many Americans to qualify as middle class, showing how bad the economy really was in the 1980s.

The Census Bureau reports, for instance, that one in five Americans — 20 percent of us — who is working fulltime nonetheless earns what amounts to poverty-level wages. And the number of poor is growing, too. Nearly 32 million Americans — 14 percent of us — today are officially classified as poor.

**Q. Are we getting older?**

**A.** In 1990 the census counted 36,000 people over the age of 100, and the number of us over 65 — 20.5 million — is higher than ever before. Our median age is now 32.9, which is shockingly high compared to the rest of the world. Before the end of the decade the number of deaths will exceed the number of births per year.

That has never before occurred in this country. This graying of America has vast implications, in terms of everything from health care and Social Security to who will pay for public education when a large part of the nation has no kids in the schools.

There also are impacts on our national security. The reason the Census Bureau started asking about age in the first census 200 years ago was to determine how many men would be available for military service.

**Q. How valid are the census results?**

**A.** The most that can be hoped for is that the census gives us a snapshot of who we are at a given moment in time. Obviously, it's not perfect. Traditionally, the poor are undercounted groups. They were again undercounted in the '90 census. Meanwhile, other groups are frequently over-reported.

For instance, since 1980 the number of self-identified Native Americans has climbed 38 percent but most demographers think much of that growth can be attributed to the



ambiguous census category, "Indian (Amer.)," which appeared on the form several inches before what probably was for many the correct category — "Asian Indian."

Even so, the census is a bit like weighing yourself on an inaccurate scale. As long as you use that scale week after week, while you might not know your poundage to the ounce, you'll certainly know the trend in your waistline. The census is the same way.

## Q. How accurately can the census predict our future?

**A.** Based on the 1980 census, no one could have predicted how immigration would reshape the nation by 1990. The census isn't an infallible indicator. The *trends*, rather than the raw numbers, are what tell us the fundamental challenges of the 21st century. While the census tells us today's trends, we don't know if they will last and if new ones will emerge.

## Q. But which trend is the key?

**A.** Increased ethnic diversity. Let me tell you a story. A few years ago while the head of the Budapest city council was in New York, he began following the city council races. He said, "You have a woman from the Caribbean, a councilor from the Dominican Republic, two openly gay councilors. But," he asked, "Who will represent the majority?"

In the rush to increase representation of minority groups we seem to have forgotten that these groups — at least some of them — will have to come together and form a new majority. Who will broker all the diversity that's among us? Who *will* speak for the majority?

It may be more important to look not at the differences that separate us but the commonalities that bring us all together. Our human ties, in fact, may be stronger and more significant than the traits that separate us, and those ties can become the basis for a new majority. Unless we recognize that, as a country that is increasingly diverse, we are not going to survive. ☐

## TAPS

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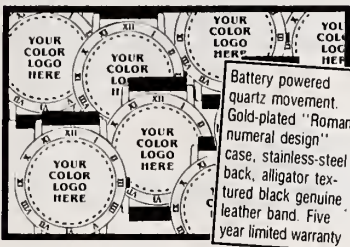
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Lyle Z. Grey  
Garden Grove, Calif.

## Healing Prayer

Thank you for the great article on prayer by Gurney Williams III ("The Healing Power Of Prayer," August). This article has been of great assistance to so many of us in Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers across the nation. Dr. McSherry is to be congratulated on her cutting-edge research on prayer. As President Emeritus of the Military Chaplains Association USA, I congratulate you on the finest cover art and essay on prayer.

Herbert B. Cleveland  
Director Emeritus, Chaplain Service  
Department of Veterans Affairs  
Fort Meade, S.D.

I have used the same words as the title of your article, "The Healing Power of Prayer," during my many visits with patients at VA medical centers. I can personally attest to prayer's healing powers. Because of prayer, I survived a serious injury when our jeep ran over a land mine during World War II. Prayer also played an important role in both my and my wife's bouts with cancer.

Rabbi Dr. Oscar Kramer  
Philadelphia

Now that we *know* of the healing power of prayer for the sick, how about getting prayer back into our schools where our children are hurting and dying?

Paula Wright  
Leo, Ind.

## Pocketing Property

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Harry S. Monesson  
Pemberton, N.J.

## Why VA, Why?

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Billy Sepon  
Fresno, Calif.

## Occupation Duty

I liked reading about occupation forces of World War II ("Witnesses To The Holocaust," August). The war ended before our arrival at the Philippines, but we encountered enough small fire then to scare the pants off of us. Our orders were not to fire back. We gathered it was some enemy soldiers who didn't know the war had ended.

Occupation in Japan was even worse. Lots of hostility. Civilians called us "murders of women and children" and other choice names. Some spit on us. Again the orders were: "Don't fight back."

Nagasaki was the last straw. My hair started coming out in bunches. Atomic dust or something. Skin disorders, too. I lost my youth and 90 percent of my hair, among other things. Yes, occupation soldiers had their own hell, too.

Ysidro Ramirez  
Montebello, Calif.

## Semper Paratus

Edward Juzwinski, whose letter, "Coast Guard Tribute," appeared in the August Vetvoice column, may be interested to know the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (PHSA) has placed a monument at the Coast Guard Academy honoring Coast Guard ships and personnel stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. We also remember the often unsung contributions of the Coast Guard.

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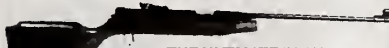
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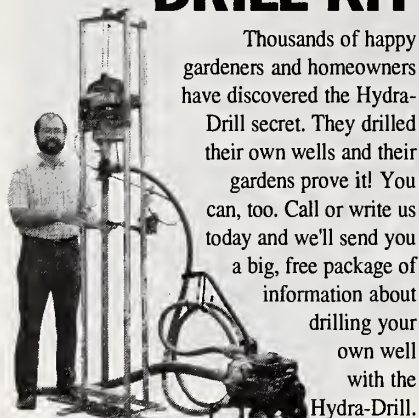
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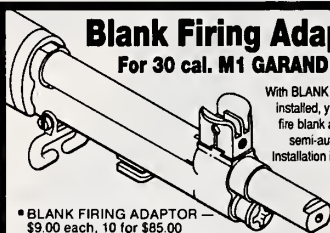
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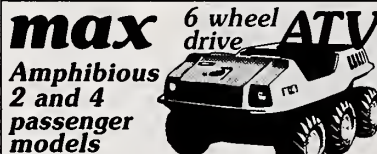
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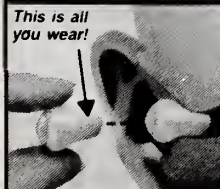


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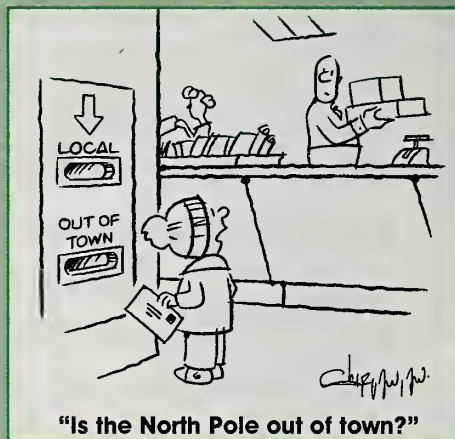
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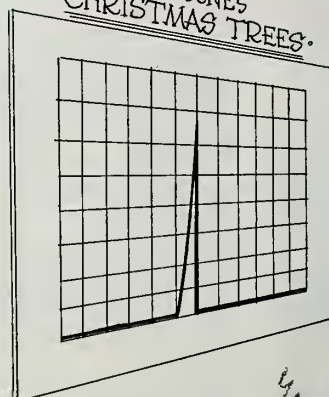


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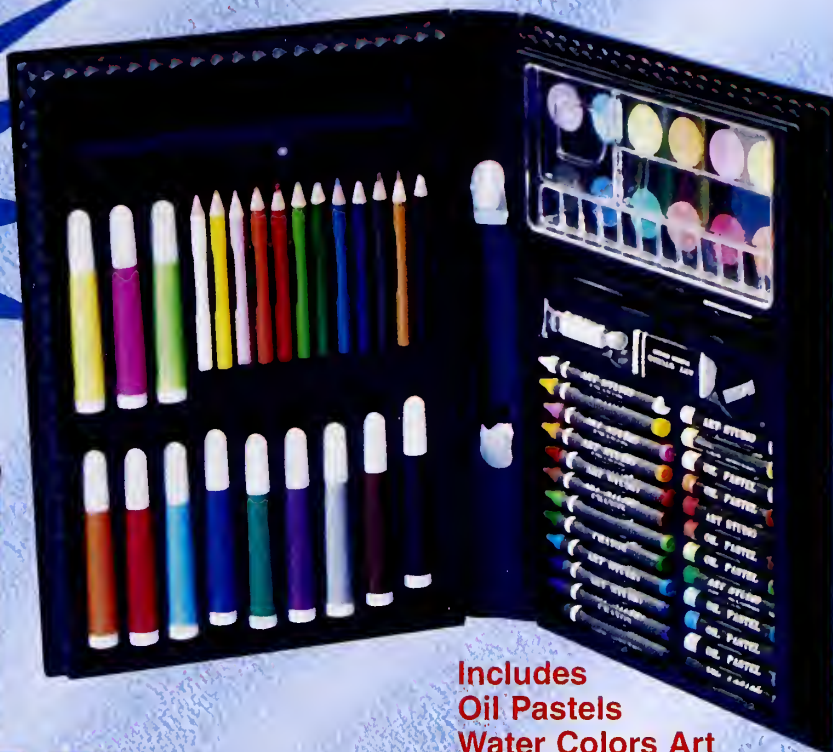
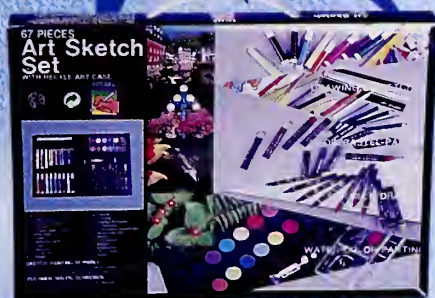
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